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AB Behcet's syndrome is a multisystem vasculitis of unknown aetiology. Eye involvement, the main cause of morbidity, can lead to blindness in 20% of those affected. Other lesions, ranging from **apthous** and genital ulceration to sometimes fatal central nervous system involvement, also cause considerable morbidity and, as we have become more recently aware, mortality. The syndrome runs a course of exacerbations and remissions, and usually abates in intensity with the passage of time. Young adult males have the worst prognosis. The main aim of treatment is to prevent irreversible organ damage during-the early, active, phase of the disease. Immunosuppression remains the mainstay of therapy. Azathioprine is able to suppress most of the manifestations of the syndrome. **Cyclosporin** has a considerably more rapid onset of action, and is particularly useful in the treatment of uveitis. However, the disease usually flares on cessation of **cyclosporin** treatment. Neither azathioprine nor **cyclosporin** is always effective, and there are patients who continue to do badly even with their combined use. **Thalidomide** is useful in severe oral ulceration and colchicine in erythema nodosum associated with Behcet's syndrome. There is no established remedy for the central nervous system and thrombotic complications of Behcet's syndrome.

AN 95056456 EMBASE  
 DN 1995056456  
 TI Behcet's syndrome: How should we treat it?.  
 AU Yazici H.; Yurdakul S.; Hamuryudan V.  
 CS Division of Rheumatology, Dept. Med. Cerrahpasa Med. Faculty, Safa Sok 17/4, Kadikoy, 81310 Istanbul, Turkey  
 SO Clinical Immunotherapeutics, (1995) 3/2 (102-107).  
 ISSN: 1172-7039 CODEN: CIMMEA  
 CY New Zealand  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 006 Internal Medicine  
 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 012 Ophthalmology  
 025 Hematology  
 026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
 031 Arthritis and Rheumatism  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 038 Adverse Reactions Titles  
 LA English  
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 SO Clinical Immunotherapeutics, (1995) 3/2 (102-107).  
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AB The cause of recurrent **aphthous** ulcers (RAU), the lesions of  
recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis, is incompletely understood but  
appears to involve immune system dysfunction. Treatment options include  
no treatment, treatment of associated systemic diseases or conditions (eg,  
celiac sprue, vitamin deficiencies), systemic medications, topical  
medications, conversion of the **aphthous** ulcer to a wound, and  
palliative treatments. The most effective treatments (systemic or topical  
corticosteroids, **thalidomide**) involve agents that suppress or  
modulate immune system function. In general, topical agents are preferred  
because they have fewer associated side effects; however, inability to  
obtain adequate contact time may limit their effectiveness. Adjunct pain  
control is sometimes necessary either with pain medications or with  
adherent agents that coat the ulcers.  
AN 1998004823 EMBASE  
TI Topical and systemic therapy for recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis.  
AU MacPhail L.  
CS Dr. L. MacPhail, UCSF, Department of Stomatology, Box 0422, 513  
Parnassus,  
San Francisco, CA 94143-0422, United States  
SO Seminars in Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery, (1997) 16/4 (301-307).  
Refs: 78  
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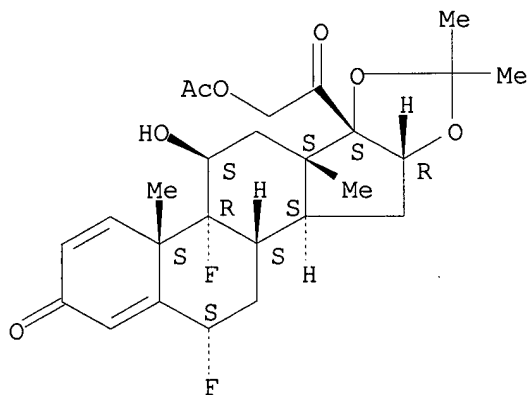
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CN Fluocinolide acetate  
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CN Lidex E  
CN Metosyn  
CN Topsy  
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Absolute stereochemistry.



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CN 1-(5-Oxohexyl)theobromine

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CN 3,7-Dimethyl-1-(5-oxohexyl)-1H,3H-purin-2,6-dione

CN 3,7-Dimethyl-1-(5-oxohexyl)xanthine

CN Agapurin Retard

CN BL 191

CN Dimethyloxohexylxanthine

CN Oxpentifylline

CN Pentoxifyllin

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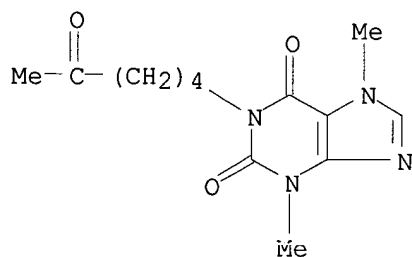
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RN 61-76-7 REGISTRY

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 (R)-

CN Benzyl alcohol, m-hydroxy-.alpha.-[(methylamino)methyl]-, hydrochloride,  
 (-)- (8CI)

OTHER NAMES:

CN (-)-.alpha.-Hydroxy-.beta.-(methylamino)ethyl-.alpha.-(3-  
 hydroxybenzene)hydrochloride

CN (-)-Phenylephrine hydrochloride

CN (R)-Phenylephrine hydrochloride

CN Adrianol

CN Almefrin

CN **Decadron**

CN Isophrin hydrochloride

CN 1-.alpha.-Hydroxy-.beta.-methylamino-3-hydroxy-1-ethylbenzene  
 hydrochloride

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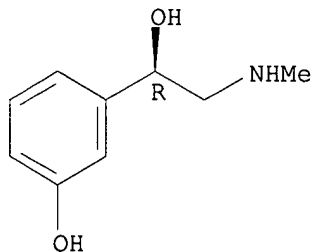
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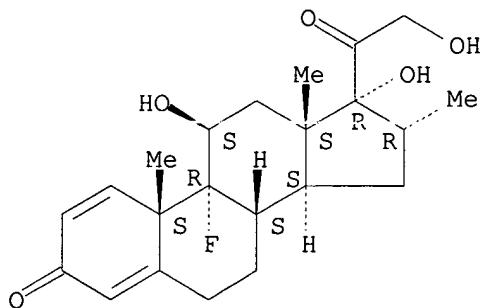
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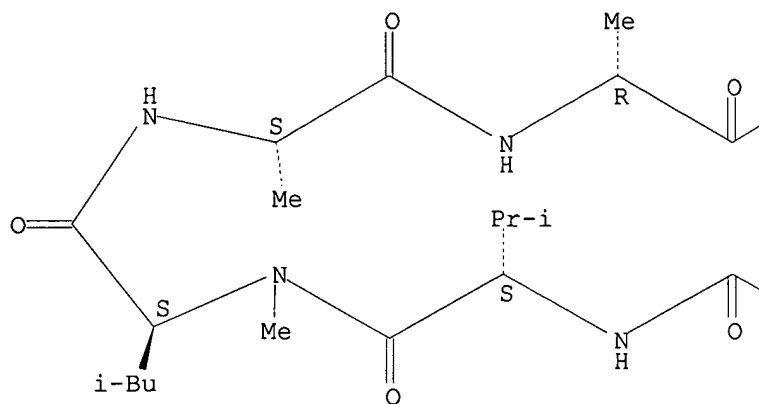
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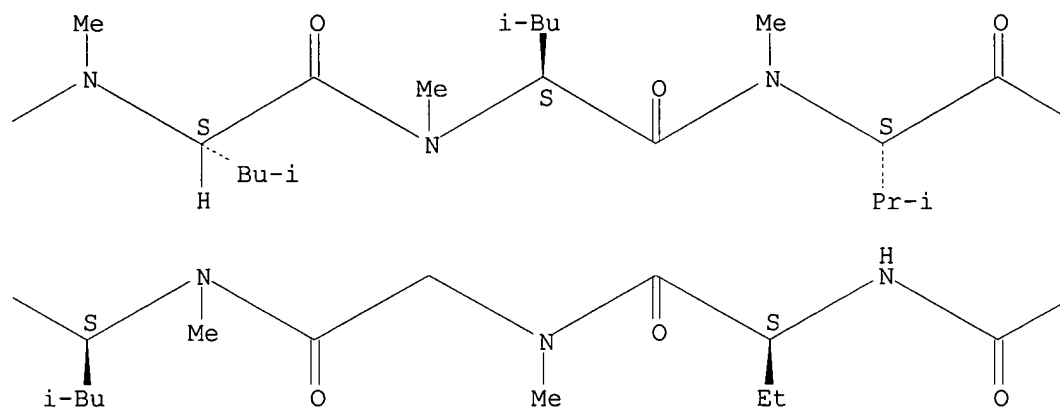
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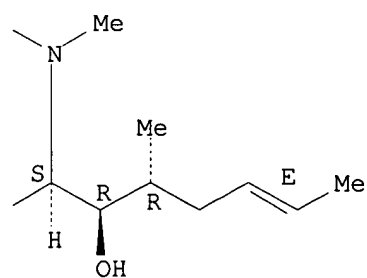
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=> s thalidomide/cn

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RN 50-35-1 REGISTRY

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OTHER NAMES:

CN (.+-.)-Thalidomide

CN .alpha.-(N-Phthalimido)glutarimide

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CN .alpha.-Phthalimidoglutarimide

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CN 3-Phthalimidoglutarimide

CN Celgene

CN Contergan

CN Distaval

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CN Kevadon

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CN N-Phthaloylglutamimide

CN Quetimid

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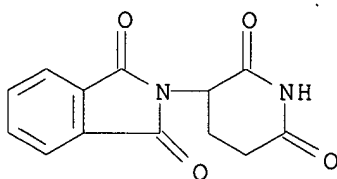
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AB The tenacious effort to develop new, specific agents to treat HIV infection is currently accompanied by a reconsideration of existing drugs on the basis of their known or putative effects on the retroviral life cycle and/or the tuning of immune mechanisms. Three specific 'older' compounds that interfere with HIV infection by both a direct antiviral activity, and a modulation of T-cell activation and proliferation have received the most attention. Hydroxyurea, a classical chemotherapeutic agent, inhibits retroviral reverse transcription by targeting a cellular enzyme responsible for the synthesis of deoxynucleoside triphosphates. It may also have a role in reducing viral load while maintaining low numbers of potential target T cells. Beneficial effects of hydroxyurea in combination with didanosine and/or stavudine on viral load have been

shown

in a number of clinical trials. **Cyclosporin**, a known immunosuppressant, blocks the activation of T cells, hence reducing the permissivity to HIV, and also prevents proper HIV virion maturation. However, clinical studies have produced conflicting results in HIV-infected patients with regard to immunological and disease effects

and

toxicity. **Thalidomide** may have antiretroviral effects as a result of its primarily inhibitory effects on the production of tumour necrosis factor .alpha. (TNF.alpha.). TNF.alpha. induces expression of

HIV

from chronically infected cell lines by stimulating a cellular transcription factor, and blocking of TNF.alpha.-stimulated HIV replication by **thalidomide** has been shown in vitro and ex vivo. However, the effects on TNF.alpha. production in vivo have been inconsistent. **Thalidomide** has shown potential in treating some AIDS-related conditions [cachexia (weight loss and muscle wasting), and aphthous oral, oesophageal or genital ulcers]. However, because of its numerous and major adverse effects, **thalidomide** should always be used cautiously. In summary, some older drugs have potential as anti-HIV agents and offer the advantage of extensive clinical experience in other therapeutic areas. They should be considered as potential partners for

the

products emerging from more recent research and development.

AN 2000037704 EMBASE

TI New uses for old drugs in HIV infection. The role of hydroxyurea, **cyclosporin** and **thalidomide**.

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 037 Drug Literature Index  
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 LA English  
 SL English  
 TI New uses for old drugs in HIV infection. The role of hydroxyurea, **cyclosporin** and **thalidomide**.  
 SO Drugs, (1999) 58/6 (953-963).  
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 AB . . . of hydroxyurea in combination with didanosine and/or stavudine  
 on  
 viral load have been shown in a number of clinical trials.  
**Cyclosporin**, a known immunosuppressant, blocks the activation of T cells, hence reducing the permissivity to HIV, and also prevents proper HIV. . . maturation. However, clinical studies have produced conflicting results in HIV-infected patients with regard to immunological and disease effects and toxicity. **Thalidomide** may have antiretroviral effects as a result of its primarily inhibitory effects on the production of tumour necrosis factor .alpha.. . . of HIV from chronically infected cell lines by stimulating a cellular transcription factor, and blocking of TNF.alpha.-stimulated HIV replication by **thalidomide** has been shown in vitro and ex vivo. However, the effects on TNF.alpha. production in vivo have been inconsistent. **Thalidomide** has shown potential in treating some AIDS-related conditions [cachexia (weight loss and muscle wasting), and aphthous oral, oesophageal or genital ulcers]. However, because of its numerous and  
 major  
 adverse effects, **thalidomide** should always be used cautiously.  
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 CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*Human immunodeficiency virus infection: DT, drug therapy  
 life cycle  
 Retrovirus  
 immunity  
 antiviral activity  
 T lymphocyte activation  
 lymphocyte proliferation  
 reverse transcription  
 virus load  
 T lymphocyte  
 cell count  
 virion  
 maturation  
 cytokine production  
 virus replication  
 cachexia: CO, complication  
**aphthous ulcer: CO, complication**  
 mouth ulcer: CO, complication  
 genital ulcer: CO, complication  
 esophagus ulcer: CO, complication  
 side effect: EP, epidemiology  
 side effect: ET, etiology  
 side effect: SI, side effect  
 review  
 \*hydroxyurea: CB, drug combination  
 \*hydroxyurea: DT, drug therapy  
 \*hydroxyurea: PD, pharmacology  
**\*cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy**

\*cyclosporin: PD, pharmacology  
 \*thalidomide: AE, adverse drug reaction  
 \*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy  
 \*thalidomide: PD, pharmacology  
 nucleoside triphosphate: EC, endogenous compound  
 didanosine: CB, drug combination  
 stavudine: CB, drug combination  
 tumor necrosis factor alpha: EC, endogenous compound  
 transcription factor: EC, . . .  
 RN (hydroxyurea) 127-07-1; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (didanosine) 69655-05-6; (stavudine) 3056-17-5  
  
 L14 ANSWER 2 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.DUPLICATE 1  
 AB Behcet's syndrome (BS), originally described as a triad of oral **aphthae**, genital ulcerations and uveitis, is a systemic vasculitis that is prevalent in the Middle east, Far East and in the Mediterranean basin. It is characterized by a heightened state of inflammation although the main drive that initiates and sustains this is not yet elucidated. Suppression of this inflammatory state constitutes the major goal of treatment and therapy is tailored according to the specific manifestations  
 observed. We now have considerable more insight on drug management of BS compared to 20 years ago. Particularly, within the recent past we have learned to use more rationally the agents that were already available to us. This is especially true for azathioprine, **cyclosporin A**, **thalidomide** and colchicine. Promising data are also being collected with alpha-interferon. With these agents, significant progress has been achieved in the management of uveitis and mucocutaneous symptoms but treatment issues related to thrombotic problems, major vessel involvement and neurological disease have not yet been resolved.  
 AN 2000014648 EMBASE  
 TI The management of Behcet's syndrome.  
 AU Fresko I.; Yurdakul S.; Hamuryudan V.; Ozyazgan Y.; Mat C.; Tanverdi M.M.; Yazici H.  
 CS H. Yazici, Department of Internal Medicine, Cerrahpasa Medical Faculty, University of Istanbul, Aksaray-Istanbul 34303, Turkey. hyazici@ibm.net  
 SO Annales de Medecine Interne, (1999) 150/7 (576-581).  
 Refs: 47  
 ISSN: 0003-410X CODEN: AMDIBO  
 CY France  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 006 Internal Medicine  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LA English  
 SL English; French  
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 CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*Behcet disease

clinical feature  
     **apthous stomatitis**  
 genital ulcer  
 uveitis  
 treatment planning  
 immunosuppressive treatment  
 review  
 \*azathioprine  
     **\*cyclosporin A**  
     **\*thalidomide**  
 \*colchicine  
 RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (**cyclosporin A**) 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2;  
 (bthalidomide) 50-35-1; (colchicine) 64-86-8  
  
 L14 ANSWER 3 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
 AN 1999369478 EMBASE  
 TI Behcet's disease in the Middle East.  
 AU Saylan T.; Mat C.; Fresko I.; Melikoglu M.  
 CS Prof. C. Mat, Dermatoloji Anabilim Dali Cerrahpasa, Cerrahpasa Tip  
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 SO Clinics in Dermatology, (1999) 17/2 (209-223).  
 Refs: 123  
 ISSN: 0738-081X CODEN: CLDEEU  
 PUI S 0738-081X(99)00013-9  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 012 Ophthalmology  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 017 Public Health, Social Medicine and Epidemiology  
 018 Cardiovascular Diseases and Cardiovascular Surgery  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LA English  
 SO Clinics in Dermatology, (1999) 17/2 (209-223).  
 Refs: 123  
 ISSN: 0738-081X CODEN: CLDEEU  
 CT Medical Descriptors:  
     \*Behcet disease: ET, etiology  
     \*Behcet disease: EP, epidemiology  
     \*Behcet disease: DT, drug therapy  
     \*Behcet disease: DI, diagnosis  
 prevalence  
 pathogenesis  
 clinical feature  
     **apthous stomatitis: CO, complication**  
 genital ulcer: CO, complication  
 differential diagnosis  
 histopathology  
 human  
 oral drug administration  
 review  
 priority journal  
 azathioprine: DT, drug therapy  
     **cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy**  
     **thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
 corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 nonsteroid antiinflammatory agent: DT, drug therapy  
 cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy  
 salazosulfapyridine: DT, drug therapy  
 alpha interferon: DT, drug. . .  
 RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (



**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0;  
(salazosulfapyridine) 599-79-1

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AN 1999132215 EMBASE  
TI [Extraintestinal mucocutaneous manifestations of chronic inflammatory  
bowel diseases].  
MANIFESTATIONS CUTANEO-MUQUEUSES EXTRA-INTESTINALES DES MALADIES  
INFLAMMATOIRES CHRONIQUES DE L'INTESTIN.  
AU Bonnet J.; Roux M.-E.; Rybojad M.; Lemann M.  
CS M. Lemann, Service de Dermatologie, Hopital Saint-Louis, 1, avenue  
Claude-Velle-Faux, 75010 Paris, France  
SO Hepato-Gastro, (1999) 6/2 (113-121).  
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ISSN: 1253-7020 CODEN: HEGAF6  
CY France  
DT Journal; (Short Survey)  
FS 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
037 Drug Literature Index  
038 Adverse Reactions Titles  
048 Gastroenterology  
LA French  
SO Hepato-Gastro, (1999) 6/2 (113-121).  
Refs: 38  
ISSN: 1253-7020 CODEN: HEGAF6  
CT Medical Descriptors:  
\*enteritis  
clinical feature  
prevalence  
pyoderma gangrenosum: DT, drug therapy  
pyoderma gangrenosum: ET, etiology  
skin biopsy  
    **aphthous stomatitis: DT, drug therapy**  
    **aphthous stomatitis: ET, etiology**  
erythema nodosum: ET, etiology  
acute febrile neutrophilic dermatosis: ET, etiology  
epidermolysis bullosa acquisita: ET, etiology  
skin disease: SI, side effect  
human  
short survey  
\*acetylsalicylic acid: DT, drug therapy  
\*lidocaine: DT, drug therapy  
\*betamethasone valerate: DT, drug therapy  
\*tetracycline derivative: DT, drug therapy  
    **\*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
\*colchicine: DT, drug therapy  
indometacin: DT, drug therapy  
prednisone: DT, drug therapy  
methylprednisolone: DT, drug therapy  
dapson: DT, drug therapy  
salazosulfapyridine: AE, adverse drug reaction  
salazosulfapyridine: DT, drug therapy  
mesalazine: AE, adverse drug reaction  
azathioprine: AE, adverse drug reaction  
mercaptopurine: AE, adverse drug reaction  
    **cyclosporin: AE, adverse drug reaction**  
methotrexate: AE, adverse drug reaction  
metronidazole: AE, adverse drug reaction  
ciprofloxacin: AE, adverse drug reaction  
RN (acetylsalicylic acid) 493-53-8, 50-78-2, 53663-74-4, 53664-49-6,

63781-77-1; (lidocaine) 137-58-6, 24847-67-4, 56934-02-2, 73-78-9;  
(betamethasone valerate) 2152-44-5, 57654-97-4; (**thalidomide**)  
50-35-1; (colchicine) 64-86-8; (indometacin) 53-86-1, 74252-25-8,  
7681-54-1; (prednisone) 53-03-2; (methylprednisolone) 6923-42-8, 83-43-2;  
(dapsone) 80-08-0; (salazosulfapyridine) 599-79-1; (mesalazine) 89-57-6;  
(azathioprine) 446-86-6; (mercaptopurine) 31441-78-8, 50-44-2, 6112-76-1;  
(**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (methotrexate) 15475-56-6, 59-05-2,  
7413-34-5; (metronidazole) 39322-38-8, 443-48-1; (ciprofloxacin)  
85721-33-1

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- AN 1999218224 EMBASE
- TI [Current aspects of diagnostik criteria and therapeutic options in Behcet's disease].  
AKTUELLE ASPEKTE DER DIAGNOSTIK UND THERAPIE DES MORBUS BEHCET.
- AU Kotter I.; Stubiger N.
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- SO Aktuelle Rheumatologie, (1999) 24/2 (51-57).  
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- CY Germany
- DT Journal; Article
- FS 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
012 Ophthalmology  
013 Dermatology and Venereology  
031 Arthritis and Rheumatism  
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- CT Medical Descriptors:  
\*Behcet . . . drug therapy  
arthritis: CO, complication  
arthritis: DT, drug therapy  
artery thrombosis: CO, complication  
artery thrombosis: DT, drug therapy  
vein thrombosis: CO, complication  
vein thrombosis: DT, drug therapy  
**aphthous ulcer: CO, complication**  
**aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
immunosuppressive treatment

human  
 oral drug administration  
 article  
 demecolcine: DT, drug therapy  
     **thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
 prednisolone: DT, drug therapy  
 heparin: DT, drug therapy  
     **cyclosporin a: DT, drug therapy**  
 cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy  
 chlorambucil: DT, drug therapy  
 alpha2a interferon: DT, drug therapy  
 tsukubaenolide: DT, drug therapy

RN (demecolcine) 477-30-5; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (prednisolone)  
 50-24-8; (heparin) 37187-54-5, 8057-48-5, 8065-01-8, 9005-48-5; (  
**cyclosporin a**) 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2; (cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0;  
 (chlorambucil) 305-03-3; (alpha2a interferon) 76543-88-9;  
 (tsukubaenolide)  
 104987-11-3

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 clinical criteria. Clinical features include oral and genital  
**aphthae**, pustular vasculitic cutaneous lesions, and ocular,  
 gastrointestinal, and vascular manifestations. We believe that complex  
 aphthosis, characterized by oral or oral and genital ulcers, may be a  
 forme fruste of Behcet's disease. Although the pathogenesis of both  
 Behcet's disease and complex aphthosis remain unknown, immune factors,  
 infectious agents, and effector mechanisms are implicated. Treatment is  
 based on the severity of systemic involvement and includes topical  
 therapies as well as colchicine, dapsone, **thalidomide**, and  
 immunosuppressive agents.

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TI Behcet's disease and complex aphthosis.

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SO Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, (1999) 40/1 (1-18).  
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 ISSN: 0190-9622 CODEN: JAADDB

CY United States

DT Journal; General Review

FS 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 038 Adverse Reactions Titles

LA English

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Treatment  
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 immunosuppressive agents.

CT Medical Descriptors:

- \*Behcet disease: DI, diagnosis
- \*Behcet disease: DT, drug therapy
- \*Behcet disease: EP, epidemiology
- \*Behcet disease: ET, etiology
- \*aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis
- \*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy
- \*aphthous ulcer: EP, epidemiology
- \*aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology
- aphthous stomatitis: DI, diagnosis
- aphthous stomatitis: DT, drug therapy
- aphthous stomatitis: EP, epidemiology
- aphthous stomatitis: ET, etiology
- genital ulcer: DI, diagnosis
- genital ulcer: DT, drug therapy
- genital ulcer: EP, epidemiology
- genital ulcer: ET, etiology
- uveitis: DI, diagnosis
- uveitis: DT, drug. . . journal
- \*immunosuppressive agent: AE, adverse drug reaction
- \*immunosuppressive agent: DT, drug therapy
- \*colchicine: AE, adverse drug reaction
- \*colchicine: DT, drug therapy
- \*dapsone: DT, drug therapy
- \*thalidomide: AE, adverse drug reaction
- \*thalidomide: CT, clinical trial
- \*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy
- corticosteroid: AE, adverse drug reaction
- corticosteroid: CT, clinical trial
- corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy
- methotrexate: DT, drug therapy
- prednisone: CT, clinical trial
- prednisone: DT,. . . AE, adverse drug reaction
- alpha2a interferon: DT, drug therapy
- azathioprine: AE, adverse drug reaction
- azathioprine: DT, drug therapy
- cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy
- chlorambucil: DT, drug therapy
- cyclosporin: AE, adverse drug reaction
- cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy
- clobetasol: DT, drug therapy
- tetracycline: DT, drug therapy

RN (colchicine) 64-86-8; (dapsone) 80-08-0; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1;  
(methotrexate) 15475-56-6, 59-05-2, 7413-34-5; (prednisone) 53-03-2;  
(triamcinolone) 124-94-7; (alpha2a interferon) 76543-88-9; (azathioprine)  
446-86-6; (cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0; (chlorambucil) 305-03-3; (  
**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (clobetasol) 25122-41-2; (tetracycline)  
23843-90-5, 60-54-8, 64-75-5

L14 ANSWER 7 OF 31 USPATFULL

AB Methods of treatment for inflammatory and autoimmune dermatoses which  
comprises topical and/or systemic administration of a  
therapeutically-effective amount of **thalidomide** alone or in  
combination with other dermatological agents.

AN 97:68480 USPATFULL

TI Treatment of inflammatory and/or autoimmune dermatoses with  
**thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents

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corporation)

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AI US 1995-475426 19950607 (8)

DT Utility

FS Granted

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CLMN Number of Claims: 19

ECL Exemplary Claim: 1

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

TI Treatment of inflammatory and/or autoimmune dermatoses with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents

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AB Methods of treatment for inflammatory and autoimmune dermatoses which comprises topical and/or systemic administration of a therapeutically-effective amount of **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other dermatological agents.

SUMM The present invention relates to novel methods for treating inflammatory and/or autoimmune dermatoses with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents. The present invention also relates to methods of treating dermatoses with inhibitors of. . .

SUMM . . . be triggered by a number of external events ranging from exposure to UV light from the sun to an allergen. **Thalidomide** has been demonstrated to have an inhibitory effect on the pro-inflammatory cytokines. It has been shown to inhibit TNF-alpha production. . . stimulated monocytes (Sampaio et al., J. Exp. Med., 173:699-703, 1991). Moreira et al. (J. Exp. Med., 177:1675-80, 1993) reported that **thalidomide** acts by enhancing TNF-alpha m-RNA degradation. Shannon et al. (Amer. Society for Microbiology Ann. Mtg., Abs. U-53, 1990) indicated **thalidomide** inhibited IL-1 beta production in vitro. Such an inhibitory effect on IL-1 beta may be direct or indirect through TNF-alpha. . .

SUMM . . . surface of endothelial cells facilitates the binding of inflammatory cells that is a precondition to transendothelial migration occurring during inflammation. **Thalidomide** also has an anti-angiogenic effect since TNF-alpha stimulates endothelial cell motility in vitro (Leibovich, Nature, 329:630-32, 1987; Rosen et al., . . et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA), 84:5277-5291, 1987).

D'Amato et al. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA), 91:4082-5, 1994) showed that **thalidomide** was an effective inhibitor of angiogenesis induced by bFGF.

SUMM In 1965 Sheskin (Lepr. Rev., 36:183-7) administered **thalidomide** to leprosy patients suffering from the complication erythema nodosum leprosum (ENL), to sedate them. ENL is characterized by recurrent erythematous nodules on the skin, weight loss, mania, neuritis, fever, malaise, and sometimes epididymo-orchitis. Within 12 hours of **thalidomide** administration nodular eruptions began to heal and within two days fever declined and the ENL lesions had completely resolved. In. . . double blind clinical trial conducted in four countries and coordinated by the World Health Organization, which

tested the efficacy of **thalidomide** versus aspirin for treatment of ENL. The conclusions reached supported Sheskin's original observations about the effectiveness of **thalidomide** for treatment of ENL. Wemambu et al. (Lancet, 2:933-5, 1969) observed necrotizing vasculitis of veins and arteries in patients with. . . Appl. Immun., 57:317-332

(1978) showed in a study of neutrophil activation in ENL patients just before and during treatment with **thalidomide** that tissue damage was not due solely to neutrophil activation as occurs in immune complex diseases, but rather neutrophils appeared to be activated by an undefined lymphokine. This group went on to state that the therapeutic effect of **thalidomide** was not due to inhibition of neutrophil activation. Sarno et al. (Clin. Exp. Immunol., 84:103-8, 1991) showed that TNF-alpha levels were elevated in ENL patients and that TNF-alpha had a major role in the pathogenesis of this disease. **Thalidomide** was shown to inhibit TNF-alpha production in these ENL patients. Sampaio et al. (J. Inf. Dis., 168:408-14, 1993) confirmed Sarno's.

SUMM The fortuitous finding that **thalidomide** was effective in treating ENL stimulated other investigators to look at the efficacy of **thalidomide** for treating other dermatoses with a possible inflammatory and/or autoimmune pathogenesis.

SUMM . . . areas of the body. Its etiology is unknown. Londono (Int. J. Dermatol., 12:326-8, 1973) was the first to report using **thalidomide** as a treatment for actinic prurigo. He administered 300 mg of **thalidomide** per day to 34 patients until clinical improvement was noted and then reduced the dosage progressively. There was notable improvement. . . an immunological etiology. Lovell et

al. (Brit. J. Dermatol, 108:467-71, 1983) treated 14 actinic prurigo patients with 50-100 mg of **thalidomide** per day for children and 100-200 mg of **thalidomide** per day for adults, for variable periods of time. Eleven patients had long term clinical improvement and three were free of symptoms even after **thalidomide** was discontinued. No side effects were noted.

SUMM . . . on the basis of clinical criteria. Mattos (Bol. Div. Nac. Lepra., 32:71) in 1973 was the first investigator to use **thalidomide** to treat prurigo nodularis. One of the two patients treated received 200 mg per day of **thalidomide** and the other patient, a woman, received 300 mg daily. Both patients had excellent clinical responses to the therapy after several weeks. Sheskin (Hautarzt, 26:215, 1975) reported treating three prurigo nodularis patients with **thalidomide**. These patients suffered from the disease for eight to twenty-four years, but responded clinically within a few weeks of initiation of **thalidomide** therapy. Other studies (Van den Broek, Arch. Dermatol, 116:571, 1980; Nikolowski, Hautarzt, 31:565, 1980; Winkelmann et al., Acta. Dermato-Venereologica, 64:412-7, . . . the intensive itch that accompanies this condition subsiding within 2-3 weeks of the start of 200 mg per day of **thalidomide**. However, in these studies it was noted that it takes at least six months of **thalidomide** therapy before strongly lichenified lesions completely heal.

SUMM . . . certain drugs. Barba-Rubio and Gonzalez, Derm. Rev. Mex., 19:131 (1975) treated 20 discoid lupus erythematosus patients with 300 mg of **thalidomide** per day. Within two weeks 19 of these patients responded clinically and the medication was then reduced to a maintenance. . . al., Giorn. Ital. Derre. Vener, 115:471, 1980; Samsoen et al., Ann. Dermatol Venereol (Paris), 107:515-23, 1980) confirmed the effectiveness of **thalidomide** therapy in treating discoid lupus erythematosus patients refractory to other treatments

such as steroids. In most instances a clinical effect was detected within 14 days of initiation of 100-200 mg per day of **thalidomide**, however, a total and definite recovery was seen in only 15-20% of patients. In most patients a 25-50 mg per day maintenance dose of **thalidomide** was required to sustain a clinical improvement.

SUMM **Thalidomide** has also been used successfully to treat Behcet's syndrome, a rare and severe illness of unknown etiology often afflicting young. . . and genitalia, uveitis, and retinal vasculitis. There also may be atrophy of the gastrointestinal tract and pulmonary or myocardial fibrosis. **Thalidomide** therapy was an important breakthrough, because prior to this there was no specific treatment for Behcet's syndrome. Steroids proved to. . . prescribed (Mamo et al., Arch. Ophthalmol, 71:4-14, 1964). Saylan and Saltik (Arch. Dermatol, 118:536, 1982) were the first to use **thalidomide** to treat 22 patients with Behcet's syndrome who had deep and persistent oral **aphthae**. Patients were initially administered 400 mg per day of **thalidomide** for five days followed by 200 mg per day for 15 to 60 days. This regimen resulted in rapid and complete healing of **aphthae**. Torras et al. (Arch. Dermatol, 118:875, 1982) found that there was complete healing of giant **aphthae** in eight of nine Behcet's patients treated with 100 mg per day of **thalidomide** for 10 days. Jorizzo et al. (Arch. Int. Med., 146:878-81, 1986) reported similar success with **thalidomide** in five patients with Behcet's syndrome. In 1993 Denman et al., Rev. Med. Int., 14:(suppl 1) 495, treated 39 patients with Behcet's syndrome with 50 mg of **thalidomide** three nights per week for a mean time of 35.9 months and a maximum treatment time of up to 65 months.

Concomitant

treatment in this patient group included 10 patients on prednisone, 3 on azathioprine and 1 patient on **cyclosporin**. Mucosal lesions healed in all patients. Moulin et al. (Ann. Dermatol Venereol, 110:611, 1983) used 100 mg per day of **thalidomide** to treat six patients with a Jessner-Kanof lymphocytic infiltration of the skin. This disease is characterized by numerous lesions on. . . i:251 (1977) treated a patient with a relapsing non-suppurative panniculitis termed Weber Christian Disease, with 300 mg per day of **thalidomide** for three weeks which was reduced to 200 mg per day and then to 100 mg per day after 10. . . lesions steadily regressed during therapy and it was reported that a disease free state was maintained for 13 months after **thalidomide** was stopped. **Thalidomide** has also been used to treat recurrent erythema multiforme, a flu like syndrome

in

which blisters appear on mucous membranes. . . Bahmer et al., Acta. Derm. Venereal, 62:449 (1982) treated a patient who had recurrent erythema multiforme with 200 mg of **thalidomide** per day. Within a few days the mucosal membrane and skin lesions healed and the daily dosage of **thalidomide** was lowered. The patient has been maintained in a disease free state by administration of 100 mg of **thalidomide** per day.

SUMM As indicated oral administration of **thalidomide** has been successfully used to treat a limited number of dermatoses that may have an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component associated with them. Topical application of **thalidomide** is a useful therapeutic approach for disease states with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory basis. Furthermore, **thalidomide** may be used alone to treat dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory basis or in unique combinations with other cytokine/growth. . . anti-inflammatory

and/or

anti auto-immune agents and/or other physical and/or chemical dermatological treatments. An example of such combination therapy could involve **thalidomide** given with pentoxifylline and a

glucocorticoid such as dexamethasone. The activity of each of these agents would be expected to. . . a different point in this synthesis.

Pentoxifylline inhibits TNF-alpha gene transcription (Doherty et al., Surgery (St. Louis), 110:192, 1991), while **thalidomide** enhances TNF-alpha m-RNA degradation (Moreira et al., 1993) and glucocorticoids such as dexamethasone inhibit TNF-alpha m-RNA translation (Han et al.,. . .

SUMM **Thalidomide** has been administered orally, however, it may be used topically to treat dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component associated. . .

SUMM **Thalidomide** was first synthesized and marketed in the 1950's as a sedative. The toxicity of the compound was so low that a dose killing 50% of animals (LD.sub.50) could not be established. **Thalidomide** was therefore thought to be a safer alternative to barbiturates. In 1961 **thalidomide** administered to pregnant women resulted in an epidemic of congenital malformation. The incidence of malformed babies paralleled the sales of **thalidomide** and quickly dropped off when **thalidomide** was removed from the market.

SUMM Oral administration of **thalidomide** in the range of 100-200 mg in adult humans results in a peak blood level of 0.9-1.5 mg/liter after 4-6 hours. Hydrolytic cleavage of **thalidomide** occurs in vitro, the rate of which increases as the pH increases. However, hydrolytic cleavage of **thalidomide** in serum is much slower than in vitro at pH 7.4. This may be due to **thalidomide** being highly bound to plasma proteins. Studies in animals demonstrated high **thalidomide** concentrations in the gastrointestinal tract, liver and kidneys with lower concentrations in muscle, brain and adipose tissue. In pregnant animals, **thalidomide** can pass across the placenta.

SUMM Although a complete study of **thalidomide** metabolism in humans has not been performed, in animals the main pathway for **thalidomide** breakdown appears to be nonenzymatic hydrolytic cleavage. Even though immunomodulatory effects of **thalidomide** have not been clearly defined at the molecular level, **thalidomide** has been used to treat the following immunologically-based diseases: acute **aphthous** ulcers (Jenkins et al., Lancet, 2:1424-6, 1984; Grinspan, J. Amer. Acad. Dermatol, 12:85-90, 1985; Revuz et al., Arch. Dermatol, 126:923-7,. . . J., 1:792, 1979) and discoid lupus erythematosus (Knop et al., Arch. Dermatol Res., 271:165-70, 1981). In these studies, dosages of **thalidomide** ranging from 100 mg/day to 800 mg/day were administered without serious side effects.

SUMM A further objective of the present invention is the treatment of dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents that inhibit cytokines and/or growth factors, and/or with other classes of therapeutics used. . .

SUMM Another objective of the present invention is the use of **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents.

SUMM . . . objective of the current invention is to provide a method for treating dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component with **thalidomide** at a given regimen.

SUMM A further objective of the present invention is a method for the treatment of dermatoses which comprises therapy with **thalidomide** and other drugs on alternative days by diverse schedules.

SUMM An additional objective of the current invention is to utilize **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other inhibitors of cytokines and/or growth factors and/or other treatments for dermatoses



as a maintenance. . . .

SUMM A still further objective of this invention is to use **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other inhibitors of cytokines and/or growth factors and/or other treatments for dermatoses as a prophylactic. . . .

SUMM . . . dermatoses in a mammal which comprises applying and/or administering to said mammal a composition comprising: (a) an effective amount of **thalidomide** and (b) a therapeutically-acceptable vehicle for the **thalidomide**.

SUMM . . . selected from the group consisting of TNF-alpha inhibitors, basic fibroblast growth factor inhibitors and IL-1 beta inhibitors. Typical inhibitors include **thalidomide** and pentoxifylline but the invention is not limited to those.

SUMM The following is a list of examples of dermatological conditions for which **thalidomide** therapy as proposed in this application is useful. However, proposed **thalidomide** treatments will not be limited to these indications since there may be other dermatological conditions not mentioned here where **thalidomide** may also be effective as a therapeutic:

SUMM (r) Diseases of Mucous Membranes: such as **aphthous** ulcers.

SUMM In treating Kaposi's Sarcoma, an ointment containing 10% by weight of **thalidomide** is applied to the lesion. In an alternative embodiment, Kaposi's Sarcoma is treated concurrently by topical and oral treatment. For. . . presenting with Kaposi's Sarcoma is treated daily for two to four weeks with a dosage amount of 50 mg of **thalidomide** a day while an ointment containing 10% by weight **thalidomide** is applied to the lesion three times a day for two to four weeks.

SUMM When used alone, the topically effective amounts of **thalidomide** are typically 5 to 15% by weight in an ointment and is applied one to three times a day for. . . .

SUMM Under certain circumstances, it is desirable to administer **thalidomide** therapy simultaneously with other dermatological active agents. For example, a cream containing 5% by weight of **thalidomide** can be administered three times a day while the patient is being given a topical treatment with 1% hydrocortisone. Concurrent administration of oral **thalidomide** with topical **thalidomide** is also a desirable therapeutic goal.

SUMM Additionally, applicants propose to use **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other inhibitors of cytokines and/or growth factors to treat dermatoses. An example of such a combination therapy utilizes **thalidomide** given with pentoxifylline and a glucocorticoid such as dexamethasone. The activity of each of these agents would be expected to. . . these agents acts as an inhibitor at a different point in this synthesis. Pentoxifylline inhibits TNF alpha gene transcription, while **thalidomide** enhances TNF alpha m-RNA degradation and glucocorticoids, such as dexamethasone, inhibit TNF alpha m-RNA translation.

SUMM The precise amount of **thalidomide** used alone or with other dermatologic agents varies depending, for example, on the condition for which the drug is administered and the size and kind of the mammal. Generally speaking the **thalidomide** can be employed in any amount effective in the treatment of dermatoses.

SUMM For humans, typically-effective amounts of **thalidomide** for use in the topical dosage forms compositions of the present invention range from 5-15% by weight active, however, greater. . . .

SUMM . . . be obvious to those skilled in the art that the following

dosage forms may comprise as the active component either **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other compounds. Preferably the compounds of the present invention are administered orally, intramuscularly, topically, subcutaneously, . . .

SUMM It is also possible to administer **thalidomide** in a time-release formulation. A wide variety of methods are now available in

the art for preparing time-release or long-acting. . . suitable in the practice of the present invention as long as it does not adversely affect the effectiveness of the **thalidomide** in the treatment of dermatoses. Advantages of time-release formulations include a lower concentration of peak serum absorption which substantially reduces. . . A frequency of administration of every 12 or 24 hours would be preferred. In addition, more constant serum concentration of **thalidomide** would result thereby allowing a more consistent relief of symptoms.

DETD

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Quantity (mg/capsules)

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<b>Thalidomide</b>	250
Starch dried	200
Magnesium stearate	10

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DETD

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Quantity (mg/tablet)

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<b>Thalidomide</b>	250
Cellulose, microcrystalline	400
Silicon dioxide, fumed	10
Stearic acid	5

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DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	60	mg
Starch	45	mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	35	mg
Polyvinylpyrrolidone (as 10% solution in water)	4	mg
Sodium carboxymethyl starch	4.5	mg
Magnesium stearate	0.5	mg
Talc. . .		

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DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	80	mg
Starch	59	mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	59	mg
Magnesium stearate	2	mg
Total	200	mg

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DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	150	mg
Starch	164	mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	164	mg
Magnesium stearate	22	mg

Total 500 mg

DETD A topical ointment containing **thalidomide** is prepared as follows:

DETD

	% by weight
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<b>Thalidomide</b>	20%
Vegetable oil	10%
Acetyl lanolin	10%
Lanolin alcohol	12%
Sorbitol sesquioleate	20%
Water add to	100%

DETD

	% by weight
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<b>Thalidomide</b>	15%
Carboxyvinyl polymers	2%
Preservative	0.01%
Water add to	100%

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	6.0	g
Stearyl alcohol		
	3.0	g
Lanolin	5.0	g
Vaseline	15.0	g
d H.sub.2 O added to		
	100.0	g

DETD Liposomes containing **thalidomide** are made as follows:

DETD Ointment containing **thalidomide**:

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	0.9	g
Hydrocortisone	0.1	g
Isopropyl myristate	81.7	g
Liquid petrolatum oil	9.1	g
Silica - aerosil 200	9.18	g

DETD Twenty patients suffering from psoriasis are to be treated with a cream containing 8% by weight of **thalidomide**.

DETD . . . commercially available product. This commercially available product should be designated the "control", whereas the cream containing

8% by weight of **thalidomide** should be the "test" cream.

DETD These data will clearly demonstrate that the therapeutic composition according to the invention containing 8% by weight **thalidomide** is efficacious and, furthermore, is preferred by the patient to a widely

used commercially-available pharmaceutical preparation.

DETD Forty patients suffering from moderate acne are to be treated with a cream containing 5% by weight **thalidomide**.

DETD . . . of the pharmaceutical composition according to the invention, the clinical study should compare this composition with an appropriate placebo (without **thalidomide**) and another commercially available product specifically prescribed for the treatment of acne.

DETD Upon completion of the treatment period, the areas treated with the 5% by weight **thalidomide** cream will exhibit a clinically

significant decrease in the severity of acne as compared to placebo treatment. Furthermore, the **thalidomide**-treated subjects will exhibit less severe side effects and complaints as compared to some other commercially available treatments.

DETD . . . exhibiting leg lesions and diagnosed as being Kaposi's sarcoma are to be treated with a cream containing 10% by weight **thalidomide**.

DETD . . . of the pharmaceutical composition according to the invention, the clinical study should compare this composition with an appropriate placebo (without **thalidomide**) and another commercially available product specifically prescribed for the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma.

DETD . . . Example 13, two patients are treated except that concurrently with topical administration they are orally treated with 50 mg/day of **thalidomide** for the duration of the topical treatment.

CLM What is claimed is:

. . . mammal which comprises administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising: (a) an effective amount of **thalidomide** and (b) a therapeutically acceptable vehicle for **thalidomide**.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said TNF alpha inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of **thalidomide** and pentoxifylline.

. . . applying to involved areas of the body and/or administering to said mammal a composition comprising: (a) an effective amount of **thalidomide** and; (b) a therapeutically-acceptable vehicle for the **thalidomide**.

. . . 14. A dermatological composition suitable for treating inflammatory and autoimmune dermatoses in a mammal comprising: a) an effective amount of **thalidomide**; (b) an effective amount of an addition dermatologic drug selected from one group consisting of menthol, phenol, camphor, coal tar. . .

IT 50-23-7, Hydrocortisone **50-35-1**, Thalidomide 53-06-5, Cortisone 57-62-5, Aureomycin 69-72-7, Salicylic acid, biological studies 76-22-2, Camphor 89-78-1, Menthol 108-46-3, Resorcinol, biological studies 108-95-2, Phenol, biological studies 130-26-7, Vioform 1314-13-2, Zinc oxide, biological studies 1404-04-2, Neomycin 1405-41-0, Garamycin **6493-05-6** 7439-97-6D, Mercury, ammoniated, biological studies 7704-34-9, Sulfur, biological studies 65454-29-7, Chloromycin (pharmaceutical compns. contg. thalidomide for treatment of inflammatory and/or autoimmune dermatoses)

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AB Tumour necrosis factor-.alpha. (TNF-.alpha.) is a pleiotropic molecule produced in response to a variety of stimuli during normal host defence. At low levels, TNF-.alpha. confers protection against infectious agents, tumours and tissue damage, and plays a role in the development of humoral immunity. However, overproduction of TNF-.alpha. has been implicated in the pathogenesis of a wide variety of conditions, including autoimmunity, malignancy, inflammatory and immunopathological diseases. Furthermore, TNF-.alpha. is a key regulator of other pro-inflammatory cytokines; infiltrating mononuclear cells that produce excessive amounts of

TNF-.alpha. at sites of inflammation are, therefore, primary targets for therapeutic intervention. Traditional anti-inflammatory drugs, such as **cyclosporin**, have widespread immunosuppressive effects and are now being replaced by more specific anti-TNF-.alpha. compounds [1]. In this report, work presented at the recent Cambridge Symposia meeting on TNF-.alpha. antagonists in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will be highlighted and discussed.

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 TI Biologicals and Immunologicals. TNF-.alpha. antagonists: Monoclonal antibodies, soluble receptors, **thalidomide** and other novel approaches.  
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 FS 005 General Pathology and Pathological Anatomy  
 026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
 030 Pharmacology  
 031 Arthritis and Rheumatism  
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 \*inflammatory disease: ET, etiology  
 animal model  
**aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
 autoimmunity  
 clinical trial  
 conference paper  
 crohn disease: DT, drug therapy  
 host resistance  
 human  
 humoral immunity  
 infection  
 malignant neoplastic disease: ET, etiology  
 mononuclear cell  
 nonhuman  
 protection  
 rheumatoid arthritis: DT, drug. . .  
 factor alpha: EC, endogenous compound  
 \*tumor necrosis factor alpha antagonist: PD, pharmacology

\*tumor necrosis factor alpha antagonist: DV, drug development  
antiinflammatory agent: PD, pharmacology

**cyclosporin: PD, pharmacology**

cytokine: EC, endogenous compound

immunosuppressive agent: PD, pharmacology

monoclonal antibody: DV, drug development

monoclonal antibody: PD, pharmacology

monoclonal antibody ca2: DT, drug therapy

monoclonal antibody ca2: DV, drug development

monoclonal antibody ca2: CT, clinical trial

monoclonal antibody ca2: PD, pharmacology

**thalidomide: PD, pharmacology**

**thalidomide: CT, clinical trial**

tumor necrosis factor alpha antibody: PD, pharmacology

tumor necrosis factor alpha antibody: DV, drug development

tumor necrosis factor receptor: EC, . . .

RN (cyclosporin) 79217-60-0; (thalidomide) 50-35-1

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leukocytes. Therefore, the effect of **thalidomide** was studied on  
different steps of leukocyte migration by intravital microscopy.  
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or murine tumor necrosis factor-.alpha. (muTNF-.alpha., 10 ng/mL). (+)-  
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application. The nos. of rolling, firmly adherent, and migrating  
leukocytes were estd. by intravital microscopy up to 165 min after the  
topical applications of LPS or muTNF-.alpha. and evaluated by an  
interactive image anal. software. **Thalidomide** (20-200 mg/kg  
i.p.) dose-dependently inhibited LPS-stimulated perivenular leukocyte  
migration by 87% and mu TNF-.alpha.-induced leukocyte migration by 78%.  
Dexamethasone (2 .times. 1.0-10 mg/kg i.p.) inhibited LPS-stimulated  
leukocyte migration by 85%. (+)-**Thalidomide** (200 mg/kg i.p.)  
inhibited LPS-stimulated rolling by 80% and reduced the no. of firmly  
adherent leukocytes by about 40%. Dexamethasone (2 .times. 10 mg/kg

i.p.)

did not reduce the no. of rolling leukocytes but inhibited leukocyte  
adherence by 72%. These results show that (+)-**thalidomide**  
predominantly inhibits leukocyte rolling and thus differs from the  
glucocorticoid dexamethasone. The inhibition of LPS- or mu  
TNF-.alpha.-induced leukocyte extravasation by **thalidomide** may  
account for some of its clin. activities.

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TI Extravasation of leukocytes assessed by intravital microscopy. Effect of  
**thalidomide**

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ST **thalidomide** leukocyte migration immunomodulator dexamethasone

IT Immunomodulators  
Leukocyte  
(extravasation of leukocytes, effect of **thalidomide**)

IT Cell migration  
(leukocyte; extravasation of leukocytes, effect of **thalidomide**)

IT Leukocyte  
(migration; extravasation of leukocytes, effect of **thalidomide**)

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     \***aphthous stomatitis: CO, complication**  
     \***aphthous stomatitis: EP, epidemiology**  
     \***aphthous stomatitis: DI, diagnosis**  
 herpes  
 human  
 human immunodeficiency virus infection  
 literature  
 morbidity  
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 short survey  
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 \*corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 \*lidocaine: DT, drug therapy  
 \*lidocaine: PR, pharmaceuticals  
 \*silver nitrate: DT, drug therapy  
     \***thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
 \*toothpaste: DT, drug therapy  
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 amlexanox: DT, drug therapy  
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 levamisole: DT, drug therapy  
 mesalazine: DT, drug therapy  
 prostaglandin e2: DT, drug therapy  
 sucralfate: DT, drug therapy  
 triamcinolone: DT, . . .  
 RN (lidocaine) 137-58-6, 24847-67-4, 56934-02-2, 73-78-9; (silver nitrate)  
 7761-88-8; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (amlexanox) 68302-57-8;  
 (benzoic acid) 532-32-1, 582-25-2, 65-85-0, 766-76-7; (betamethasone)  
 378-44-9; (chlorhexidine) 3697-42-5, 55-56-1; (**fluocinonide**)  
 356-12-7; (hexetidine) 141-94-6; (levamisole) 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5;  
 (mesalazine) 89-57-6; (prostaglandin e2) 363-24-6; (sucralfate)  
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AB The cause of recurrent **aphthous** ulcers (RAU), the lesions of recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis, is incompletely understood but appears to involve immune system dysfunction. Treatment options include

no treatment, treatment of associated systemic diseases or conditions (eg, celiac sprue, vitamin deficiencies), systemic medications, topical medications, conversion of the **aphthous** ulcer to a wound, and palliative treatments. The most effective treatments (systemic or topical corticosteroids, **thalidomide**) involve agents that suppress or modulate immune system function. In general, topical agents are preferred because they have fewer associated side effects; however, inability to obtain adequate contact time may limit their effectiveness. Adjunct pain control is sometimes necessary either with pain medications or with adherent agents that coat the ulcers.

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TI Topical and systemic therapy for recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis.

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037 Drug Literature Index

LA English

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TI Topical and systemic therapy for recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis.

SO Seminars in Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery, (1997) 16/4 (301-307).  
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AB The cause of recurrent **aphthous** ulcers (RAU), the lesions of recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis, is incompletely understood but appears to involve immune system dysfunction. Treatment options include

no treatment, treatment of associated systemic diseases or conditions (eg, celiac sprue, vitamin deficiencies), systemic medications, topical medications, conversion of the **aphthous** ulcer to a wound, and palliative treatments. The most effective treatments (systemic or topical corticosteroids, **thalidomide**) involve agents that suppress or modulate immune system function. In general, topical agents are preferred because they have fewer associated. . .

CT Medical Descriptors:  
\***aphthous stomatitis**: DT, drug therapy  
recurrent disease  
drug efficacy  
herpes simplex virus  
mouth ulcer  
immune response  
cell adhesion  
disease severity  
macrophage activation  
human  
oral drug administration  
topical drug administration  
conference paper  
\*aciclovir: AD, drug administration  
\*aciclovir: DO, drug dose

\*aciclovir: DT, drug therapy  
 \*aciclovir: PD, pharmacology  
   \*thalidomide: AD, drug administration  
   \*thalidomide: DO, drug dose  
   \*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy  
   \*thalidomide: PD, pharmacology  
   fluocinonide: AD, drug administration  
   fluocinonide: DO, drug dose  
   fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy  
   fluocinonide: PD, pharmacology  
 clobetasol propionate: AD, drug administration  
 clobetasol propionate: DO, drug dose  
 clobetasol propionate: DT, drug therapy  
 clobetasol propionate: PD, pharmacology  
 ulobetasol propionate: AD, drug. . .  
 RN (aciclovir) 59277-89-3; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (clobetasol propionate) 25122-46-7;  
 (ulobetasol propionate) 66852-54-8; (dexamethasone) 50-02-2;  
 (clotrimazole) 23593-75-1; (amlexanox) 68302-57-8  
 CN (1) Zovirax; Lidex; Temovate; Ultravate; **Decadron**; Zilactin;  
 Aphthasol  
  
 L14 ANSWER 12 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
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 HIV disease. This paper will discuss the therapies available in the USA  
 and UK. In other countries some of the drugs discussed will be available  
 in different doses and preparations. In addition other drugs may be  
 available in other parts of the world that are not licensed for use in  
 the  
 USA or UK, and their availability may vary.  
 AN 97171974 EMBASE  
 DN 1997171974  
 TI Management of the oral mucosal lesions seen in association with HIV  
 infection.  
 AU Greenspan D.; Shirlaw P.J.  
 CS D. Greenspan, Dept. of Stomatology, Univ. of California San Francisco,  
 513 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94143-0422, United States  
 SO Oral Diseases, (1997) 3/SUPPL. 1 (S229-S234).  
 Refs: 32  
 ISSN: 1354-523X CODEN: ORDIFD  
 CY United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Conference Article  
 FS 004 Microbiology  
   011 Otorhinolaryngology  
   026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
   037 Drug Literature Index  
   038 Adverse Reactions Titles  
 LA English  
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CT Medical Descriptors:

\*human . . .  
therapy  
clobetasol propionate: DT, drug therapy  
clotrimazole: DT, drug therapy  
dexamethasone: DT, drug therapy  
fluconazole: DT, drug therapy  
fluconazole: AE, adverse drug reaction  
fluconazole: IT, drug interaction  
**fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**  
itraconazole: DT, drug therapy  
itraconazole: AE, adverse drug reaction  
itraconazole: IT, drug interaction  
ketoconazole: DT, drug therapy  
ketoconazole: IT, drug interaction  
ketoconazole: AE,. . . drug therapy  
retinoic acid: DT, drug therapy  
sclerosing agent: DT, drug therapy  
terfenadine: IT, drug interaction  
tetracycline: DT, drug therapy  
tetradecyl sulfate sodium: DT, drug therapy  
**thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
triamcinolone acetonide: DT, drug therapy  
ulobetasol propionate: DT, drug therapy  
unindexed drug  
valaciclovir: DT, drug therapy  
vinblastine sulfate: DT, drug therapy

RN. . . 378-44-9; (carboxymethylcellulose) 8050-38-2, 9000-11-7, 9004-32-4, 9050-04-8; (chlorhexidine gluconate) 18472-51-0; (clindamycin)

18323-44-9;

(clobetasol propionate) 25122-46-7; (clotrimazole) 23593-75-1;  
(dexamethasone) 50-02-2; (fluconazole) 86386-73-4; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (itraconazole) 84625-61-6; (ketoconazole) 65277-42-1;  
(metronidazole) 39322-38-8, 443-48-1; (miconazole) 22916-47-8; (nystatin) 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4, 62997-67-5; (podophyllin) 9000-55-9; (retinoic acid) 302-79-4; (terfenadine) 50679-08-8; (tetracycline) 23843-90-5, 60-54-8, 64-75-5; (tetradecyl sulfate sodium) 1191-50-0, 139-88-8, 4754-44-3; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (triamcinolone acetonide) 76-25-5; (ulobetasol propionate) 66852-54-8; (valaciclovir) 124832-26-4; (vinblastine sulfate) 143-67-9

CN Fungilin; Mycostatin; Mycelex; Daktarin; Corsodyl; Nizoral; Hismanal; Seldane; Diflucan; Sporanox; Zovirax; Valtrex; Retin a; Augmentin;

Flagyl;

Lidex; Temovate; Ultravate; **Decadron**

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AN 96080664 EMBASE

DN 1996080664

TI Oral manifestations of pediatric human immunodeficiency virus infection:

A

review of the literature.

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SO Pediatrics, (1996) 97/3 (380-388).  
 ISSN: 0031-4005 CODEN: PEDIAU  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 004 Microbiology  
 007 Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery  
 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 038 Adverse Reactions Titles  
 LA English  
 SO Pediatrics, (1996) 97/3 (380-388).  
 ISSN: 0031-4005 CODEN: PEDIAU  
 CT Medical Descriptors:  
   \*aphthous ulcer: CO, complication  
   \*aphthous ulcer: SI, side effect  
   \*aphthous ulcer: PC, prevention  
   \*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy  
   \*aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis  
   \*dental caries: DI, diagnosis  
   \*dental caries: CO, complication  
   \*dental caries: PC, prevention  
   \*human immunodeficiency virus infection: DI, diagnosis  
   \*human immunodeficiency virus infection:. . .  
   AD, drug administration  
   corticosteroid: AD, drug administration  
   corticosteroid: DO, drug dose  
   corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
   fluconazole: DT, drug therapy  
   fluconazole: DO, drug dose  
   fluconazole: AD, drug administration  
     **fluocinonide: AD, drug administration**  
     **fluocinonide: PR, pharmaceuticals**  
     **fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**  
   hydrocortisone: PR, pharmaceuticals  
   hydrocortisone: DT, drug therapy  
   hydrocortisone: AD, drug administration  
   hydrocortisone: CB, drug combination  
   lidocaine: PR, pharmaceuticals  
   lidocaine: CB, drug combination  
   lidocaine: AD,. . . therapy  
   prednisone: DT, drug therapy  
   prednisone: DO, drug dose  
   prednisone: AD, drug administration  
   tetracycline: DT, drug therapy  
   tetracycline: PR, pharmaceuticals  
   tetracycline: AD, drug administration  
   tetracycline: CB, drug combination  
     **thalidomide: DO, drug dose**  
     **thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
 RN (zalcitabine) 7481-89-2; (ganciclovir) 82410-32-0; (ketoconazole)  
 65277-42-1; (zidovudine) 30516-87-1; (aciclovir) 59277-89-3;  
 (bethanechol)  
 590-63-6, 674-38-4, 91609-06-2; (clotrimazole) 23593-75-1; (fluconazole)  
 86386-73-4; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (hydrocortisone) 50-23-7;  
 (lidocaine) 137-58-6, 24847-67-4, 56934-02-2, 73-78-9; (nystatin)  
 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4, 62997-67-5; (prednisone) 53-03-2; (tetracycline)  
 23843-90-5, 60-54-8, 64-75-5; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1

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AB We review the cutaneous manifestations of acute and chronic graft versus

host disease (GvHD). Acute GvHD is characterized by initial itching, pain on pressure and erythema which begins on posterior auricular skin, palms and soles. The disease evolves into a typical but nonspecific maculopapular rash. Confluent rashes and follicular erythema may occur. Erosive **oral lesions** usually develop. The most severe variant of GvHD is toxic epidermal necrolysis, which often has a fatal outcome. The onset of chronic GvHD usually occurs more than 100 days after bone marrow transplantation and may be preceded by the acute form. The spectrum of skin changes includes lichenoid pruritic lesions with violaceous color and scleroderma-like skin involvement. Investigation of unknown rashes in these patients includes skin biopsy, which clearly differentiates leukocytoclastic vasculitis and erythema exsudativum multiforme with lymphocytic vasculitis from cutaneous manifestations of GvHD. Special stains may reveal bacteria and fungus in septicemic patients. The therapeutic options are discussed.

AN 96074372 EMBASE  
DN 1996074372  
TI [Cutaneous manifestations of graft versus host disease after bone marrow transplantation].  
HAUTMANIFESTATIONEN DER GRAFT-VERSUS-HOST-REAKTION NACH KNOCHENMARKSTRANSPLANTATION.  
AU Itin P.H.; Lautenschlager S.; Orth B.; Rufli T.; Gratwohl A.  
CS Dermatologische Universitätsklinik, Petersgraben 4, CH-4031 Basel, Switzerland  
SO Schweizerische Medizinische Wochenschrift, (1996) 126/9 (339-347).  
ISSN: 0036-7672 CODEN: SMWOAS  
CY Switzerland  
DT Journal; General Review  
FS 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
025 Hematology  
026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
037 Drug Literature Index  
LA German  
SL German; English  
SO Schweizerische Medizinische Wochenschrift, (1996) 126/9 (339-347).  
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CT Medical Descriptors:  
\*bone . . . host reaction: CO, complication  
human  
infection: PC, prevention  
infection: DT, drug therapy  
infection: CO, complication  
puva  
review  
skin manifestation: ET, etiology  
corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
corticosteroid: CB, drug combination  
cyclosporin a: DT, drug therapy  
cyclosporin a: CB, drug combination  
lymphocyte antibody: DT, drug therapy  
methotrexate: DT, drug therapy  
methotrexate: CB, drug combination  
povidone iodine: DT, drug therapy  
thalidomide: DT, drug therapy

tumor necrosis factor antibody: DT, drug therapy  
RN (cyclosporin a) 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2; (methotrexate) 15475-56-6, 59-05-2, 7413-34-5; (povidone iodine) 25655-41-8; (thalidomide) 50-35-1; (tumor necrosis factor antibody) 162774-06-3

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AB **Oral lesions** are common in HIV infection and may be the first sign of AIDS. this article reviews the oral fungal and viral infections commonly detected in HIV-infected patients, particularly candidiasis, deep fungal infections, herpes simplex virus infections, cytomegalovirus infections, and oral hairy leukoplakia. The neoplasms associated with AIDS such as oral Kaposi's sarcoma and lymphoma are related periodontal diseases. Each disorder is discussed by clinical appearance, diagnosis, and management. Recent advances in therapy are stressed.

AN 96149440 EMBASE  
DN 1996149440  
TI HIV-associated lesions.  
AU Greenberg M.S.  
CS Department of Oral Medicine, School of Dental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, 4001 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6003, United States  
SO Dermatologic Clinics, (1996) 14/2 (319-326).  
ISSN: 0733-8635 CODEN: DRMCDJ  
CY United States  
DT Journal; General Review  
FS 004 Microbiology  
011 Otorhinolaryngology  
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CT Medical Descriptors:  
\*acquired . . . therapy  
\*kaposi sarcoma: ET, etiology  
\*mycosis: ET, etiology  
\*mycosis: DT, drug therapy  
\*mycosis: DI, diagnosis  
\*virus infection: ET, etiology  
\*virus infection: DT, drug therapy  
\*virus infection: DI, diagnosis  
**aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology**  
**aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
**aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis**  
candidiasis: DT, drug therapy  
candidiasis: DI, diagnosis  
candidiasis: CO, complication  
cheilitis: DI, diagnosis  
cheilitis: ET, etiology  
cryptococcosis: DT, drug therapy  
cryptococcosis: ET, etiology  
cryptococcosis: DI, . . .  
drug therapy  
amphotericin b: DT, drug therapy

capsaicin: DT, drug therapy  
 clobetasol: DT, drug therapy  
 clotrimazole: DT, drug therapy  
 dapsone: DT, drug therapy  
 fluconazole: DT, drug therapy  
**fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**  
 foscarnet: DT, drug therapy  
 foscarnet: AE, adverse drug reaction  
 ganciclovir: DT, drug therapy  
 ganciclovir: AE, adverse drug reaction  
 itraconazole: DT, drug therapy  
 ketoconazole: DT, drug therapy  
 metronidazole: DT, drug therapy  
 miconazole: DT, drug therapy  
 nystatin: DT, drug therapy  
 podophyllin: DT, drug therapy  
 retinoid: DT, drug therapy

**thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

tricyclic antidepressant agent: DT, drug therapy

RN. . . 139-88-8, 4754-44-3; (vinblastine) 865-21-4; (aciclovir)  
 59277-89-3;

(amphotericin b) 1397-89-3, 30652-87-0; (capsaicin) 404-86-4;  
 (clobetasol)

25122-41-2; (clotrimazole) 23593-75-1; (dapsone) 80-08-0; (fluconazole)  
 86386-73-4; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (foscarnet) 4428-95-9;  
 (ganciclovir) 82410-32-0; (itraconazole) 84625-61-6; (ketoconazole)  
 65277-42-1; (metronidazole) 39322-38-8, 443-48-1; (miconazole)

22916-47-8;

(nystatin) 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4, 62997-67-5; (podophyllin) 9000-55-9; (  
**thalidomide**) 50-35-1

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 mucosal disease in North America. In some instances, RAS represents the  
 central feature of the multisystem disease complex Behcet's syndrome.

This

article reviews the clinical features, contributing etiologic factors,

and

etiopathogenesis of RAS and Behcet's syndrome and describes therapeutic  
 considerations and strategies essential to management of patients  
 suffering from recurrent mouth ulcers.

AN 96149434 EMBASE

DN 1996149434

TI Recurrent **aphthous** stomatitis.

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 States

SO Dermatologic Clinics, (1996) 14/2 (243-256).

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CY United States

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CT Medical Descriptors:

- \*aphthous stomatitis: DI, diagnosis
- \*aphthous stomatitis: DT, drug therapy
- \*aphthous stomatitis: EP, epidemiology
- \*aphthous stomatitis: ET, etiology
- \*aphthous stomatitis: TH, therapy
- \*aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis
- \*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy
- \*aphthous ulcer: EP, epidemiology
- \*aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology
- \*aphthous ulcer: TH, therapy
- \*behcet disease: ET, etiology
- \*behcet disease: DT, drug therapy
- \*behcet disease: DI, diagnosis
- food allergy: ET, etiology
- gluten free diet
- heredity
- human
- injury
- mouth hygiene
- priority journal
- review
- side. . .
- DT, drug therapy
- azathioprine: AE, adverse drug reaction
- betamethasone dipropionate: DT, drug therapy
- clobetasol: DT, drug therapy
- colchicine: AE, adverse drug reaction
- colchicine: DT, drug therapy
- cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy**
- cyclosporin: AE, adverse drug reaction**
- dapsone: DT, drug therapy
- fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**
- immunomodulating agent
- immunostimulating agent
- immunosuppressive agent
- levamisole: DT, drug therapy
- levamisole: AE, adverse drug reaction
- mesalazine: DT, drug therapy
- methotrexate: DT, drug therapy
- nonsteroid antiinflammatory agent: DT, drug therapy
- prednisone: DT, drug therapy
- prostaglandin e2: DT, drug therapy
- sucralfate: DT, drug therapy
- superoxide dismutase: DT, drug therapy
- thalidomide: AE, adverse drug reaction**
- thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

RN (chlorhexidine gluconate) 18472-51-0; (listerine) 51273-66-6; (aciclovir) 59277-89-3; (amlexanox) 68302-57-8; (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (betamethasone dipropionate) 5593-20-4; (clobetasol) 25122-41-2; (colchicine) 64-86-8; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (dapsone) 80-08-0; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (levamisole) 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5; (mesalazine) 89-57-6; (methotrexate) 15475-56-6, 59-05-2, 7413-34-5; (prednisone) 53-03-2; (prostaglandin e2) 363-24-6; (sucralfate) 54182-58-0; (superoxide dismutase) 37294-21-6, 9016-01-7, 9054-89-1; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1



AB Objective. The diagnosis and treatment of the mucocutaneous (MC), neuropsychiatric (NP), and renal (RN) manifestations of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) remain unsolved issues. To shed light on these

issues, a questionnaire was prepared and sent to 153 lupus centres around the world, in order to determine the level of agreement between experts in their approach to these complex aspects of the disease. Methods. The first

section of the questionnaire was designed to collect information on the characteristics of the responding lupus centres. The second section was dedicated to MC manifestations, with questions focusing on: (i) the frequency of MC manifestations as a whole and of the single clinical MC entities; (ii) clinical features, outcome and therapy of subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus (SCLE); (iii) the utility of the lupus band test (LBT); and (iv) the use of various therapeutic protocols to treat MC manifestations. Results. Sixty-one questionnaires from 19 countries were analysed. Out of these, 37 were completed by Departments of Rheumatology, 21 by Departments of Internal Medicine or Clinical Immunology, and 3 by Departments of Nephrology. About 66% of these centres stated that they were currently following more than 100 lupus cases, 95% had an in-patient ward and 82% had their own laboratory. The American College of Rheumatology classification criteria and various scales for disease activity assessment were regularly used by 87% and 57% of centres, respectively. The overall prevalence of MC manifestations was judged to

be over 30% by 82% of the respondents (Rs), and over 60% by 36% of the Rs. Among the different MC manifestations, malar rash was reported to be the most frequent (40%), followed by alopecia (24.1%) and **oral ulcers** (18.6%). In reporting the prevalence of each MC manifestation, the Rs showed a low level of agreement, the coefficient of variation (CV) being > 0.75 for all of the manifestations listed with the exception of malar rash (CV = 0.54). Poor agreement among centers was

also found for the reported association of various MC manifestations with SCLE (15 different answers), and on the prognostic factors for SCLE (17 different answers). There was agreement on the best procedure (up to 70% of the Rs preferred a non-UV exposed skin area) and on the utility of the LBT (83% using it only for diagnostic purpose). Hydroxychloroquine was

the most popular therapeutic protocol, being used by 85% of the Rs for a wide variety of MC manifestations. Among other therapies, azathioprine was

used by 59%, dapsona by 41%, and **thalidomide** by 35% of the Rs, all to treat a wide spectrum of MC manifestations. Pulse steroid, **cyclosporin A** and pulse cyclophosphamide were less commonly employed (by 27%, 22% and 13% of the Rs, respectively), and were reserved for the most severe MC manifestations, particularly vasculitis. Conclusion. The present survey indicates that, although most of the participating centres had extensive experience in the management of SLE, their approach to the MC manifestations was not homogeneous, and collaborative studies are clearly needed, particularly to optimise the therapeutic protocols.

AN 97056106 EMBASE

DN 1997056106

TI International survey on the management of patients with SLE. I. General data on the participating centers and the results of a questionnaire regarding mucocutaneous involvement.

AU Vitali C.; Doria A.; Tincani A.; Fabbri P.; Balestrieri G.; Galeazzi M.; Meroni P.L.; Migliorini P.; Neri R.; Tavoni A.; Bombardieri S.

CS Dr. C. Vitali, U.O. di Immunologia Clinica, Istituto di Patologia Medica,  
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SO Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology, (1996) 14/SUPPL. 16 (S17-S22).  
 Refs: 8  
 ISSN: 0392-856X CODEN: CERHDP

CY Italy

DT Journal; Conference Article

FS 008 Neurology and Neurosurgery  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
 028 Urology and Nephrology  
 031 Arthritis and Rheumatism  
 032 Psychiatry  
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CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*lupus . . . erythematosus: DT, drug therapy  
 \*systemic lupus erythematosus: TH, therapy  
 clinical trial  
 conference paper  
 controlled study  
 human  
 priority journal  
 quality of life  
 questionnaire  
 \*azathioprine: DT, drug therapy  
 \*cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy  
 \***cyclosporin a: DT, drug therapy**  
 \*dapsone: DT, drug therapy  
 \*hydroxychloroquine: DT, drug therapy  
 \***thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0; (**cyclosporin  
 a**) 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2; (dapsone) 80-08-0; (hydroxychloroquine)  
 118-42-3, 525-31-5; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1

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AB Behcet's disease (BD) is a multisystemic disease that must be diagnosed  
 by clinical criteria in the absence of any specific laboratory test or  
 biologic marker. International criteria for the diagnosis have been  
 recently revised. We performed a retrospective study of those cases  
 diagnosed of BD in our center between 1992-1993. Age, sex, clinical  
 manifestations (mucocutaneous, ocular and systemic) and histopathologic  
 findings were revised. HLA study and pathergy test were done in each  
 case.

Seven patients were included, four women and three men. Mucocutaneous manifestations were the most prominent finding and oral aphtae were the initial lesions in 85% of cases. Pustular lesions or folliculitis were present in 71% of cases. Ocular involvement was observed in three cases (42%) (one of these was asymptomatic). We did not find association

between

HLA-B5 and ocular involvement. Systemic manifestaions were present as arthritis (29%) and thrombophlebitis (14%). Pathergy test was only relevant in one case. The most common histopathologic finding was a neutrophilic vascular reaction. BD is in our study more common than expected. It must be due perhaps to the new criteria proposed for the diagnosis where four of the five criteria are based in the same basic mucocutaneous lesion. We recommend to biopsy pustular lesions before including them as a diagnosis criteria and to perform ocular study using fluorescein in all suspect cases to detect abnormalities in asymptomatic patients.

AN 95351726 EMBASE

DN 1995351726

TI [Behcet's disease: Clinical-pathologic revision of seven cases].  
ENFERMEDAD DE BEHCET: REVISION CLINICO-PATOLOGICA DE SIETE CASOS.

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CY Spain

DT Journal; Article

FS 005 General Pathology and Pathological Anatomy

006 Internal Medicine

012 Ophthalmology

013 Dermatology and Venereology

018 Cardiovascular Diseases and Cardiovascular Surgery

026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation

031 Arthritis and Rheumatism

037 Drug Literature Index

LA Spanish

SL English; Spanish

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CT Medical Descriptors:

\*behcet disease: DI, diagnosis

\*behcet disease: ET, etiology

\*behcet disease: DT, drug therapy

adolescent

adult

**aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis**

**aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology**

arthritis: ET, etiology

arthritis: DI, diagnosis

article

eye injury: DI, diagnosis

eye injury: ET, etiology

female

folliculitis: ET, etiology

folliculitis: DI, diagnosis

histopathology

human

male

neutrophil

skin defect: DI, diagnosis  
 skin. . . ET, etiology  
 topical drug administration  
 \*corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 \*immunosuppressive agent: DT, drug therapy  
 azathioprine: DT, drug therapy  
 chlorambucil: DT, drug therapy  
 cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy  
   **cyclosporin a: DT, drug therapy**  
 indometacin: DT, drug therapy  
   **thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
 triamcinolone acetonide: DT, drug therapy  
 RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (chlorambucil) 305-03-3; (cyclophosphamide)  
 50-18-0; (**cyclosporin a**) 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2; (indometacin)  
 53-86-1, 74252-25-8, 7681-54-1; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1;  
 (triamcinolone acetonide) 76-25-5  
  
 L14 ANSWER 19 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
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 recalcitrant **aphthae**. We describe the case of patient with HIV  
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 respond to corticosteroids, cyclosporine, and **thalidomide**. The  
 patient's course was complicated by colonic **aphthae**. Rapid and  
 sustained resolution was achieved through treatment with granulocyte  
 colony-stimulating factor, a previously unreported therapeutic option.  
 AN 95233657 EMBASE  
 DN 1995233657  
 TI **Thalidomide**-resistant HIV-associated **aphthae**  
 successfully treated with granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.  
 AU Manders S.M.; Kostman J.R.; Mendez L.; Russin V.L.  
 CS 100 Brick Rd., Marlton, NJ 08053, United States  
 SO Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, (1995) 33/2 II (380-382).  
 ISSN: 0190-9622 CODEN: JAADDB  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article  
 FS 004 Microbiology  
 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 048 Gastroenterology  
 LA English  
 SL English  
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 sustained resolution was achieved through treatment with granulocyte  
 colony-stimulating factor, a previously unreported therapeutic option.  
 CT Medical Descriptors:  
   **\*aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis**  
   **\*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
   \*human immunodeficiency virus infection  
   abdominal pain  
   adult  
   article

case report  
 colon biopsy  
 colon ulcer: SU, surgery  
 colon ulcer: DT, drug therapy  
 colon ulcer: DI, diagnosis  
 colonoscopy  
 drug resistance  
 human  
 leukocyte count  
 oral drug administration  
 priority journal  
 recurrent disease  
 \*granulocyte colony stimulating factor: DT, drug therapy  
   \*thalidomide: DO, drug dose  
   \*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy  
   cyclosporin: DO, drug dose  
   cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy  
 hydrocortisone  
 nystatin  
 prednisone: DO, drug dose  
 prednisone: DT, drug therapy  
 tetracycline

RN (thalidomide) 50-35-1; (cyclosporin) 79217-60-0;  
 (hydrocortisone) 50-23-7; (nystatin) 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4, 62997-67-5;  
 (prednisone) 53-03-2; (tetracycline) 23843-90-5, 60-54-8, 64-75-5

L14 ANSWER 20 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
 AB Despite its inherent teratogenic risk, **thalidomide** has over the years proven to be of clinical use in a small number of mainly immunological diseases (e.g. erythema nodosum leprosum, Behcet's syndrome and rheumatoid arthritis). The mode of action of **thalidomide** is still poorly understood. Recent research has shown a decrease in tumour necrosis factor-.alpha. (TNF.alpha.) during **thalidomide** treatment in several settings. Others have found altered expression of adhesion molecules. Currently, the most interesting new fields of application are the prevention and treatment of graft-versus-host disease in allogeneic bone marrow transplantation and the treatment of **aphthous** ulceration in HIV-positive patients. Contraceptive measures must be instituted in women receiving **thalidomide**, and careful monitoring for neurological adverse effects is required in all patients.

AN 95188270 EMBASE  
 DN 1995188270  
 TI **Thalidomide**: Rationale for renewed use in immunological disorders.  
 AU Schuler U.; Ehninger G.  
 CS Medizinische Klinik I, Fetscherstrasse 74, 01307 Dresden, Germany  
 SO Drug Safety, (1995) 12/6 (364-369).  
 ISSN: 0114-5916 CODEN: DRSAEA  
 CY New Zealand  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
   030 Pharmacology  
   037 Drug Literature Index  
   038 Adverse Reactions Titles  
 LA English  
 SL English  
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CT Medical Descriptors:

\*immunopathology: DT, drug therapy  
allogenic bone marrow transplantation

**aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**

behcet disease: DT, drug therapy

clinical trial

constipation: SI, side effect

contraception

drowsiness: SI, side effect

drug efficacy

drug mechanism

drug monitoring

eosinophilia: SI, side. . . side effect

neurologic disease

nonhuman

priority journal

pruritus: DT, drug therapy

rash: SI, side effect

review

rheumatoid arthritis: DT, drug therapy

risk

teratogenicity

uremia: DT, drug therapy

xerostomia: SI, side effect

**\*thalidomide: AE, adverse drug reaction**

**\*thalidomide: CT, clinical trial**

**\*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

**\*thalidomide: PD, pharmacology**

cell adhesion molecule: EC, endogenous compound

**cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy**

methotrexate: DT, drug therapy

tumor necrosis factor alpha: EC, endogenous compound

RN (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0;

(methotrexate) 15475-56-6, 59-05-2, 7413-34-5

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AB Sutton's disease is characterized by giant necrotizing ulcers around minor

salivary glands and is of unknown cause. We report a case, review the medical literature, and discuss the treatment of this affliction.

AN 95126138 EMBASE

DN 1995126138

TI Sutton's disease (periadenitis mucosa necrotica recurrens).

AU Laccourreye O.; Durand H.; Fadlallah J.-P.; Brasnu D.; Pages J.-C.; Lowenstein W.

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SO Annals of Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology, (1995) 104/4 I (301-304).  
ISSN: 0003-4894 CODEN: AORHA2

CY United States

DT Journal; Article

FS 005 General Pathology and Pathological Anatomy  
011 Otorhinolaryngology  
037 Drug Literature Index  
038 Adverse Reactions Titles

LA English

SL English

SO Annals of Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology, (1995) 104/4 I (301-304).  
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CT Medical Descriptors:  
\***aphthous stomatitis: DT, drug therapy**  
adult  
article  
case report  
human  
male  
mouth hygiene  
mouth ulcer  
mutagenicity  
pathophysiology  
priority journal  
teratogenicity: SI, side effect  
aciclovir: DT, drug therapy  
azathioprine: DT, drug therapy  
betamethasone: DT, drug therapy  
chlorhexidine: DT, drug therapy  
erythromycin: DT, drug therapy  
**fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**  
levamisole: DT, drug therapy  
nystatin: DT, drug therapy  
tetracycline: DT, drug therapy  
**thalidomide: AE, adverse drug reaction**  
triamcinolone acetonide: DT, drug therapy  
zinc sulfate: DT, drug therapy

RN (aciclovir) 59277-89-3; (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (betamethasone)  
378-44-9;  
(chlorhexidine) 3697-42-5, 55-56-1; (erythromycin) 114-07-8, 70536-18-4;  
(  
**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (levamisole) 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5;  
(nystatin) 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4, 62997-67-5; (tetracycline) 23843-90-5,  
60-54-8, 64-75-5; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (triamcinolone  
acetonide) 76-25-5; (zinc sulfate) 7733-02-0

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AB Behcet's syndrome is a multisystem vasculitis of unknown aetiology. Eye  
involvement, the main cause of morbidity, can lead to blindness in 20% of  
those affected. Other lesions, ranging from **aphthous** and genital  
ulceration to sometimes fatal central nervous system involvement, also  
cause considerable morbidity and, as we have become more recently aware,  
mortality. The syndrome runs a course of exacerbations and remissions,  
and  
usually abates in intensity with the passage of time. Young adult males  
have the worst prognosis. The main aim of treatment is to prevent  
irreversible organ damage during the early, active, phase of the disease.  
Immunosuppression remains the mainstay of therapy. Azathioprine is able  
to

suppress most of the manifestations of the syndrome. **Cyclosporin** has a considerably more rapid onset of action, and is particularly useful in the treatment of uveitis. However, the disease usually flares on cessation of **cyclosporin** treatment. Neither azathioprine nor **cyclosporin** is always effective, and there are patients who continue to do badly even with their combined use. **Thalidomide** is useful in severe oral ulceration and colchicine in erythema nodosum associated with Behcet's syndrome. There is no established remedy for the central nervous system and thrombotic complications of Behcet's syndrome.

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DN 1995056456

TI Behcet's syndrome: How should we treat it?.

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SO Clinical Immunotherapeutics, (1995) 3/2 (102-107).

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CY New Zealand

DT Journal; General Review

FS 006 Internal Medicine

011 Otorhinolaryngology

012 Ophthalmology

025 Hematology

026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation

031 Arthritis and Rheumatism

037 Drug Literature Index

038 Adverse Reactions Titles

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SL English

SO Clinical Immunotherapeutics, (1995) 3/2 (102-107).

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combined use. **Thalidomide** is useful in severe oral ulceration and colchicine in erythema nodosum associated with Behcet's syndrome. There is no established remedy. . .

CT Medical Descriptors:

\*behcet . . . SI, side effect

priority journal

review

teratogenicity: SI, side effect

thrombosis: PC, prevention

thrombosis: DT, drug therapy

topical drug administration

\*azathioprine: CB, drug combination

\*azathioprine: DT, drug therapy

\***cyclosporin**: DT, drug therapy

\***cyclosporin**: CM, drug comparison

\***cyclosporin**: DO, drug dose



\*cyclosporin: AE, adverse drug reaction  
 \*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy  
 \*thalidomide: AE, adverse drug reaction  
 acetylsalicylic acid: DT, drug therapy  
 acetylsalicylic acid: CB, drug combination  
 alpha2b interferon: DT, drug therapy  
 chlorambucil: DT, drug therapy  
 chlorambucil: AE, . . .  
 RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (acetylsalicylic acid) 493-53-8, 50-78-2, 53663-74-4, 53664-49-6, 63781-77-1; (alpha2b interferon) 99210-65-8; (chlorambucil) 305-03-3; (colchicine) 64-86-8; (cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0;  
 (methylprednisolone) 6923-42-8, 83-43-2  
  
 L14 ANSWER 23 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
 AB Recurrent oral ulcerations is one of the most frequent alterations of the oral mucosa, involving 20% of the general populations. The etiology is unknown, but there are several predisposing factors such as, streptococcal infections, hematinic deficiencies, stress, or certain food. It is known that immunological mechanisms participate in the pathogenesis of the **aphthae**, because of the presence of a lymphocytic inflammatory infiltrate in the early phases of the ulcers. Therapy includes the elimination of the predisposing factors and the topical application of corticosteroids. In severe cases, it may be necessary to administer systemic corticosteroids or of other immunosuppressors. Recurrent oral **aphthous** are one of the criteria of Behcet's syndrome.  
 AN 95151183 EMBASE  
 DN 1995151183  
 TI [Aftosis].  
 AFTOSIS.  
 AU Barnadas M.A.  
 CS Hospital La Santa Cruz y San Pable, Barcelona, Spain  
 SO Monografias de Dermatologia, (1995) 8/2 (100-110).  
 ISSN: 0214-4220 CODEN: MONDE4  
 CY Spain  
 DT Journal; Article  
 FS 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 012 Ophthalmology  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LA Spanish  
 SL Spanish; English  
 SO Monografias de Dermatologia, (1995) 8/2 (100-110).  
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 CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis  
 \*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy  
 \*aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology  
 \*behcet disease  
 \*mouth ulcer: DT, drug therapy

\*mouth ulcer: DI, diagnosis  
 \*mouth ulcer: ET, etiology  
 \*uveitis  
 article  
 clinical feature  
 disease predisposition  
 human  
 pathogenesis  
 recurrent disease  
 topical drug administration  
 \*antibiotic agent: DT, drug therapy  
 \*corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 colchicine: DT, drug therapy  
     **cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy**  
 levamisole: DT, drug therapy  
 mesalazine: DT, drug therapy  
 pentoxifylline: DT, drug therapy  
     **thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

RN (colchicine) 64-86-8; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (levamisole)  
 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5; (mesalazine) 89-57-6; (pentoxifylline) 6493-05-6;  
 (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1

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 AB Oral manifestations are a common feature of human immunodeficiency virus  
 (HIV) infection. They may present as neoplasms, opportunistic infections,  
 or other lesions. The dermatologist may be the first health care provider  
 to suspect HIV infection when recognizing some of the **oral**  
**lesions** described in this article. Some of these lesions may be of  
 prognostic significance for the subsequent development of AIDS.

Management  
 of the **oral lesions** can significantly reduce morbidity  
 and improve quality of life.

AN 94282420 EMBASE  
 DN 1994282420  
 TI The mouth in human immunodeficiency virus infection.  
 AU Greenspan D.; Greenspan J.S.  
 CS Department of Stomatology, UCSF, Box 0422, San Francisco, CA 94143-0422,  
 United States  
 SO Seminars in Dermatology, (1994) 13/2 (144-150).  
 ISSN: 0278-145X CODEN: SDERDN  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 004 Microbiology  
     011 Otorhinolaryngology  
     013 Dermatology and Venereology  
     037 Drug Literature Index

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 SL English  
 SO Seminars in Dermatology, (1994) 13/2 (144-150).  
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 of AIDS. Management of the **oral lesions** can  
 significantly reduce morbidity and improve quality of life.

CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*acquired immune deficiency syndrome: DI, diagnosis  
     **\*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
     **\*aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology**

**\*aphthous ulcer: DI, diagnosis**  
 \*human immunodeficiency virus infection: DI, diagnosis  
 \*mouth infection: DT, drug therapy  
 \*mouth infection: DI, diagnosis  
 \*mouth infection: ET, etiology  
 \*salivary gland disease:. . .  
 therapy  
 clotrimazole: AD, drug administration  
 clotrimazole: DT, drug therapy  
 corticosteroid: AD, drug administration  
 corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 coumarin anticoagulant: IT, drug interaction  
 coumarin anticoagulant: CB, drug combination  
**cyclosporin a: IT, drug interaction**  
**cyclosporin a: CB, drug combination**  
 digoxin: IT, drug interaction  
 digoxin: CB, drug combination  
 fluconazole: DT, drug therapy  
 fluconazole: IT, drug interaction  
 fluconazole: CB, drug combination  
 fluconazole: AD, drug administration  
**fluocinonide: AD, drug administration**  
**fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**  
 itraconazole: CB, drug combination  
 itraconazole: DT, drug therapy  
 itraconazole: IT, drug interaction  
 itraconazole: AD, drug administration  
 ketoconazole: DT, drug therapy  
 ketoconazole: IT, drug. . . drug combination  
 phenytoin: IT, drug interaction  
 povidone iodine: DT, drug therapy  
 rifampicin: IT, drug interaction  
 rifampicin: CB, drug combination  
 terfenadine: IT, drug interaction  
 terfenadine: CB, drug combination  
**thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
 unclassified drug

RN. . . 82410-32-0; (retinoic acid) 302-79-4; (zidovudine) 30516-87-1;  
 (amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid) 74469-00-4; (chlorhexidine gluconate)  
 18472-51-0; (clindamycin) 18323-44-9; (clobetasol) 25122-41-2;  
 (clotrimazole) 23593-75-1; (**cyclosporin a**) 59865-13-3,  
 63798-73-2; (digoxin) 20830-75-5, 57285-89-9; (fluconazole) 86386-73-4; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (itraconazole) 84625-61-6; (ketoconazole)  
 65277-42-1; (metronidazole) 39322-38-8, 443-48-1; (mycolog) 53262-75-2;  
 (nystatin) 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4, 62997-67-5; (orabase) 81209-86-1;  
 (phenytoin) 57-41-0, 630-93-3; (povidone iodine) 25655-41-8; (rifampicin)  
 13292-46-1; (terfenadine) 50679-08-8; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1

L14 ANSWER 25 OF 31 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.

AB Behcet's syndrome is a chronic, inflammatory disorder with organic involvement. It is characterized by the presence of recurrent **oral ulcers** joint to genital ulcers, ocular manifestations and other cutaneous lesions. Less frequently may appear arthritis, thrombophlebitis or neurologic and gastrointestinal involvement. Behcet's disease is associated to HLA B5 (Bw51), mainly in endemic areas and in patients with ocular involvement. Immunitary disturbances against herpes virus infection and streptococcal antigens have been considered as other ethiologic factors. Vasculitis and pustule formation are the main histologic findings

of the cutaneous lesions. Cellular cytotoxicity and immunocomplexes deposition are main mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of the lesions. Diagnostic criteria require the presence of recurrent **oral ulcers** joint to two or more of the following manifestations: genital ulcers, ocular involvement, other cutaneous lesions or positive pathergy test. Steroids are the treatment of choice,

in some cases associated to other immunosuppressors (azathioprine, cyclophosphamide). Cyclosporine A is the treatment of choice for cases with severe ocular involvement and **thalidomide** is a good alternative for steroids in cases with recurrent oral or genital ulcers without systemic involvement.

AN 94193408 EMBASE  
 DN 1994193408  
 TI [Behcet disease. Clinical and therapeutical trends].  
 ENFERMEDAD DE BEHCET. ACTUALIZACION CLINICO-TERAPEUTICA.  
 AU Sanmartin Jimenez O.; Botella Estrada R.; Vilata Corel J.J.  
 CS Servicio de Dermatologia, Hospital General Universitario, Valencia, Spain  
 SO Monografias de Dermatologia, (1994) 7/2 (70-78).  
 ISSN: 0214-4220 CODEN: MONDE4  
 CY Spain  
 DT Journal; Article  
 FS 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 031 Arthritis and Rheumatism  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LA Spanish  
 SL Spanish; English  
 SO Monografias de Dermatologia, (1994) 7/2 (70-78).  
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CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*behcet . . . EP, epidemiology  
 article  
 clinical feature  
 human  
 oral drug administration  
 pathogenesis  
 prognosis  
 \*azathioprine: DT, drug therapy  
 \*chlorambucil: DT, drug therapy  
 \*colchicine: DT, drug therapy  
 \*corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 \*cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy  
 \*cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy  
 \*dapsone: DT, drug therapy  
 \*prednisone

RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (chlorambucil) 305-03-3; (colchicine) 64-86-8;  
(cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (dapsone)  
80-08-0; (prednisone) 53-03-2

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AB Next to caries and periodontal diseases, recurrent **aphthous** ulceration (RAU) which affects about 20% of the general population is the most common oral disease. Hippocrates named the disease about 400 b.C., and the word **aphthous** (.alpha..pi..tau..epsilon..iota..nu. = to set fire) refers to the typical prodromal burning sensation. With the uncertain etiology, no known laboratory procedures have thus far been of value to confirm the diagnosis which, together with a history of reappearing ulcers, is entirely based on clinical criteria. According to varying clinical characteristics, RAU is classified as minor, major and herpetiform ulcers. Although usually an isolated intraoral disease in otherwise healthy individuals, RAU is also the mainstay symptom in Behcet's syndrome, and the two entities are considered cause-related. A variety of local and systemic factors may provoke RAU recurrences in predisposed individuals. Emotional stress, for instance, usually figures in the row of triggering stimuli, but recent studies have not supported this contention. Hematinic deficiencies, in particular deficits of iron and vitamins B, have also been considered provoking factors by some authors. However, rather than being precipitating circumstances, deficiencies may be due to nutritional waste secondary to an infective process. Previous etiological hypotheses have included autoimmunity, cross-reactions between streptococci and oral mucosal cells, and a viral etiology mainly focusing on HSV and adenoviruses. Supporting evidence for such theories is, however, lacking. The hypothesis of the present review is that RAU is caused by reactivation of a locally latent herpesvirus other than HSV with RAU being a clinical manifestation of the host immune response towards virally infected oral epithelial cells. Clinically, the local, recurrent, self-limiting nature of RAU together with the prodromal burning sensation and increased susceptibility for mechanical trauma as regards the development of ulcers makes the disease very similar to recurrent herpes labialis although the localization of lesions is different. In contrast to recurrent herpes labialis, however,

transmission

of RAU has never been reported in the literature. Still, a possible transference has been confirmed by some patients. Studies have generally failed to isolate viruses and to detect viral antigens from lesions, and the possible implication of latent viruses has only lately been accounted for. A recent serological study has demonstrated specific VZV IgM antibodies in approximately 50%, and CMV IgM antibodies in about 25% of the patients in association with recurrences, possibly reflecting reactivation of these viruses. However, polyclonal B-cell stimulation due to cross-reactions with other viruses cannot be excluded. By polymerase chain reaction, one part of VZV DNA has been detected in all of the thus far examined ulcers, and a preliminary study has demonstrated CMV DNA in 38% of preulcerative specimens. Although these findings may support an etiological implication of VZV and/or CMV, the presence and possible causal significance of other viral agents cannot be precluded. RAU patients are characterized by systemic and oral mucosal cellular immunosuppression. Systemically, the immunosuppression is typified by a T-cell imbalance with a decreased fraction of CD4+ cells and/or an increased fraction of CD8+ cells. The oral mucosa of RAU-susceptible individuals is characterized by decreased numbers of both CD4+ and CD8+ cells. Whereas the peripheral T-cell imbalance is analogous to the imbalance in many viral infections, little is known about mucosal resistance to viral infections. It is, however, generally accepted that reactivation of latent herpesvirus infections is favoured by impaired

cellular immune defenses, just as herpesvirus infections themselves may induce cellular immunosuppression. Thus, the reduced number of T-lymphocytes in the oral mucosa might either favour reactivation of latent herpesviruses or reflect latency hereof. There is no substantial evidence for non-specific lymphocyte dysfunctions in RAU patients. However, there are indications of some cell-mediated responses being depressed during exacerbations which interestingly may correspond to the anergy observed during some viral infections.

AN 94037193 EMBASE  
 DN 1994037193  
 TI Recurrent **aphthous** ulceration: Virological and immunological aspects.  
 AU Pedersen A.  
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 SO APMIS, Supplement, (1993) 101/37 (1-37).  
 ISSN: 0903-465X CODEN: APSUEN  
 CY Denmark  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 026 Immunology, Serology and Transplantation  
 LA English  
 SL English; Danish  
 TI Recurrent **aphthous** ulceration: Virological and immunological aspects.  
 SO APMIS, Supplement, (1993) 101/37 (1-37).  
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 CT Medical Descriptors:  
   \***aphthous ulcer: ET, etiology**  
   \***aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
   \*herpes virus  
   cellular immunity  
   human  
   humoral immunity  
   priority journal  
   review  
   aciclovir: DT, drug therapy  
   cimetidine: DT, drug therapy  
   colchicine: DT, drug therapy  
   **cyclosporin a: DT, drug therapy**  
   glucocorticoid: DT, drug therapy  
   interferon: DT, drug therapy  
   levamisole: DT, drug therapy  
   longo vital  
   plant extract: DT, drug therapy  
   **thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
   unclassified drug  
 RN (aciclovir) 59277-89-3; (cimetidine) 51481-61-9, 70059-30-2; (colchicine) 64-86-8; (**cyclosporin a**) 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2; (levamisole) 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1  
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 AN 92221722 EMBASE

DN 1992221722  
 TI [The treatment of aphthosis].  
 APHTOSES: APPROCHES THERAPEUTIQUES.  
 AU Jacobs C.; Marot L.  
 CS Unite de Dermatol. Professionnelle, Clos Chapelle-aux-Champs 30-33,1200  
 Bruxelles, Belgium  
 SO Louvain Medical, (1992) 111/6 (351-353).  
 ISSN: 0024-6956 CODEN: LOMEAL  
 CY Belgium  
 DT Journal; Article  
 FS 004 Microbiology  
 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LA French  
 SO Louvain Medical, (1992) 111/6 (351-353).  
 ISSN: 0024-6956 CODEN: LOMEAL  
 CT Medical Descriptors:  
     **\*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
     article  
     human  
     \*aciclovir: DT, drug therapy  
     \*colchicine: DT, drug therapy  
     **\*cyclosporin a: DT, drug therapy**  
     \*dapsone: DT, drug therapy  
     \*etretin: DT, drug therapy  
     \*levamisole: DT, drug therapy  
     \*lidocaine: DT, drug therapy  
     \*methisoprinol: DT, drug therapy  
     \*methotrexate: DT, drug therapy  
     \*nystatin: DT, drug therapy  
     \*tetracycline: DT, drug therapy  
     **\*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**  
     \*triamcinolone: DT, drug therapy  
     \*trichloroacetic acid: DT, drug therapy  
     choline salicylate  
 RN (aciclovir) 59277-89-3; (colchicine) 64-86-8; (**cyclosporin a**)  
 59865-13-3, 63798-73-2; (dapsone) 80-08-0; (etretin) 55079-83-9;  
 (levamisole) 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5; (lidocaine) 137-58-6, 24847-67-4,  
 56934-02-2, 73-78-9; (methisoprinol) 36703-88-5; (methotrexate)  
 15475-56-6, 59-05-2, 7413-34-5; (nystatin) 1400-61-9, 34786-70-4,  
 62997-67-5; (tetracycline) 23843-90-5, 60-54-8, 64-75-5; (  
**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (triamcinolone) 124-94-7; (trichloroacetic  
 acid) 14357-05-2, 76-03-9; (choline salicylate) 2016-36-6  
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 AN 93015605 EMBASE  
 DN 1993015605  
 TI Behcet's disease.  
 AU Stratigos A.J.; Laskaris G.; Stratigos J.D.  
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 Street, Boston, MA 02215, United States  
 SO Seminars in Neurology, (1992) 12/4 (346-357).  
 ISSN: 0271-8235 CODEN: SEMNEP  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 008 Neurology and Neurosurgery  
 012 Ophthalmology  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
 031 Arthritis and Rheumatism

037 Drug Literature Index

LA English

SO Seminars in Neurology, (1992) 12/4 (346-357).  
ISSN: 0271-8235 CODEN: SEMNEP

CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*behcet disease: DT, drug therapy  
 \*behcet disease: EP, epidemiology  
 \*behcet disease: ET, etiology  
**aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**  
 arthritis: DT, drug therapy  
 cardiomyopathy  
 clinical feature  
 corticosteroid therapy  
 genital ulcer: DT, drug therapy  
 geographic distribution  
 human  
 laboratory diagnosis  
 leukocytoclastic vasculitis  
 neurologic disease: DT, drug therapy  
 neuropathology  
 nuclear. . . imaging  
 prevalence  
 retinitis: DT, drug therapy  
 review  
 sex difference  
 \*azathioprine: DT, drug therapy  
 \*chlorambucil: DT, drug therapy  
 \*colchicine: DT, drug therapy  
 \*corticosteroid: DT, drug therapy  
 \*cyclophosphamide: DT, drug therapy  
**\*cyclosporin: DT, drug therapy**  
 dapsone: DT, drug therapy  
 prostacyclin: DT, drug therapy  
**thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

RN (azathioprine) 446-86-6; (chlorambucil) 305-03-3; (colchicine) 64-86-8;  
 (cyclophosphamide) 50-18-0; (**cyclosporin**) 79217-60-0; (dapsone)  
 80-08-0; (prostacyclin) 35121-78-9, 61849-14-7; (**thalidomide**)  
 50-35-1

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AN 91107709 EMBASE

DN 1991107709

TI Diagnosis and treatment of oral aphtous ulcers.

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SO Annales de Dermatologie et de Venereologie, (1991) 118/1 (53-59).  
 ISSN: 0151-9638 CODEN: ADVED7

CY France

DT Journal; Article

FS 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
 013 Dermatology and Venereology  
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SO Annales de Dermatologie et de Venereologie, (1991) 118/1 (53-59).  
 ISSN: 0151-9638 CODEN: ADVED7

CT Medical Descriptors:  
**\*aphthous stomatitis: DI, diagnosis**  
**\*aphthous stomatitis: ET, etiology**



**\*aphthous stomatitis: DT, drug therapy**

\*mouth mucosa

article

human

priority journal

\*acetylsalicylic acid: DT, drug therapy

\*disinfectant agent: DT, drug therapy

\*lidocaine: DT, drug therapy

\*pyralvex: DT, drug. . . drug therapy

ascorbic acid: DT, drug therapy

betamethasone: DT, drug therapy

borostyrol: DT, drug therapy

chlorhexidine: DT, drug therapy

colchicine: DT, drug therapy

dapsone: DT, drug therapy

**fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**

imudon: DT, drug therapy

levamisole: DT, drug therapy

methisoprinol: DT, drug therapy

prednisone: DT, drug therapy

silver nitrate: DT, drug therapy

**thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

trichloroacetic acid: DT, drug therapy

unclassified drug

RN. . . 63781-77-1; (lidocaine) 137-58-6, 24847-67-4, 56934-02-2, 73-78-9;  
(ascorbic acid) 134-03-2, 15421-15-5, 50-81-7; (betamethasone) 378-44-9;  
(chlorhexidine) 3697-42-5, 55-56-1; (colchicine) 64-86-8; (dapsone)  
80-08-0; (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (levamisole) 14769-73-4,  
16595-80-5; (methisoprinol) 36703-88-5; (prednisone) 53-03-2; (silver  
nitrate) 7761-88-8; (**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (trichloroacetic  
acid) 14357-05-2, 76-03-9

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AB A number of diseases can cause recurrent intraoral ulceration. This  
review

focuses principally on drug management of intraoral ulceration associated  
with local and systemic conditions most likely to be observed on an  
outpatient basis by the general practitioner. These consist of recurrent  
**aphthous** stomatitis, erosive lichen planus, benign mucous membrane  
pemphigoid (BMMP), erythema multiforme, Behcet's disease, allergic  
stomatitis and infection. Information is provided on a spectrum of  
medication found useful in ulcer management, including topical  
antimicrobial and antifungal agents, topical and systemic

corticosteroids,

topical and systemic analgesics, and systemic immunosuppressive and  
anxiolytic drugs, plus details of dosage, important adverse reactions and  
interactions. A treatment guide for management of recurrent  
**apthae** is presented. The reader is presumed to be familiar with  
differential diagnosis and the importance of establishing an accurate  
impression before starting drug therapy.

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DN 1990051128

TI Pharmacological management of recurrent oral mucosal ulceration.

AU Burgess J.A.; Johnson B.D.; Sommers E.

CS Department of Oral Medicine, University of Washington School of  
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Seattle, WA 98195, United States

SO Drugs, (1990) 39/1 (54-65).

ISSN: 0012-6667 CODEN: DRUGAY

CY New Zealand

DT Journal; General Review  
 FS 004 Microbiology  
 011 Otorhinolaryngology  
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 LA English  
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 SO Drugs, (1990) 39/1 (54-65).  
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 CT Medical Descriptors:  
 \*allergy  
   **\*aphthous stomatitis**  
   **\*aphthous ulcer**  
 \*behcet disease  
 \*erythema multiforme  
 \*infection  
 \*lichen planus  
 \*pemphigoid  
 \*recurrent disease  
 \*ulcer  
 candidiasis  
 gastrointestinal disease: SI, side effect  
 gingivitis  
 herpes simplex virus 1  
 liver toxicity: SI, side effect  
 photosensitivity: SI, side effect  
 skin disease:. . .  
 AD, drug administration  
 \*immunosuppressive agent: DT, drug therapy  
 \*nonsteroid antiinflammatory agent: DT, drug therapy  
 \*nonsteroid antiinflammatory agent: AE, adverse drug reaction  
 acetylsalicylic acid  
 alprazolam  
 carbenoxolone  
 chlorhexidine gluconate  
 clotrimazole  
 cromoglycate disodium  
 cyanocobalamin  
 deoxycorticosterone  
 dexamethasone  
 diazepam  
 diphenhydramine  
 estrogen  
   **fluocinonide**  
 folic acid  
 hydrogen peroxide  
 ibuprofen  
 levamisole  
 lidocaine

lorazepam  
magnesium hydroxide  
minocycline  
silver nitrate  
paracetamol  
tetracycline  
**thalidomide**

triamcinolone acetonide  
RN. . . 23593-75-1; (cromoglycate disodium) 15826-37-6, 16110-51-3,  
93356-79-7, 93356-84-4; (cyanocobalamin) 53570-76-6, 68-19-9, 8064-09-3;  
(deoxycorticosterone) 64-85-7; (dexamethasone) 50-02-2; (diazepam)  
439-14-5; (diphenhydramine) 147-24-0, 58-73-1; (**fluocinonide**)  
356-12-7; (folic acid) 59-30-3, 6484-89-5; (hydrogen peroxide) 7722-84-1;  
(ibuprofen) 15687-27-1; (levamisole) 14769-73-4, 16595-80-5; (lidocaine)  
137-58-6, 24847-67-4, 56934-02-2, 73-78-9; (lorazepam) 846-49-1;  
(magnesium hydroxide) 1309-42-8, 1317-43-7; (minocycline) 10118-90-8,  
11006-27-2, 13614-98-7; (silver nitrate) 7761-88-8; (paracetamol)  
103-90-2; (tetracycline) 23843-90-5, 60-54-8, 64-75-5; (  
**thalidomide**) 50-35-1; (triamcinolone acetonide) 76-25-5

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AN 91033783 EMBASE

DN 1991033783

TI Management of **aphthous**-like ulcers in HIV disease.

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SO AIDS Patient Care, (1990) 4/4 (12-13).

ISSN: 0893-5068 CODEN: APACEF

CY United States

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TI Management of **aphthous**-like ulcers in HIV disease.

SO AIDS Patient Care, (1990) 4/4 (12-13).

ISSN: 0893-5068 CODEN: APACEF

CT Medical Descriptors:

**\*aphthous ulcer: DT, drug therapy**

\*human immunodeficiency virus

article

case report

human

oral drug administration

topical drug administration

**\*fluocinonide: DT, drug therapy**

\*methylprednisolone sodium succinate: DT, drug therapy

\*methylprednisolone sodium succinate: CB, drug combination

\*prednisone: DT, drug therapy

**\*thalidomide: DT, drug therapy**

oxycodone: DT, drug therapy

oxycodone: CB, drug combination

RN (**fluocinonide**) 356-12-7; (methylprednisolone sodium succinate)

2375-03-3, 2921-57-5; (prednisone) 53-03-2; (**thalidomide**)

50-35-1; (oxycodone) 124-90-3, 76-42-6

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L14 ANSWER 7 OF 31 USPATFULL

AB Methods of treatment for inflammatory and autoimmune dermatoses which comprises topical and/or systemic administration of a therapeutically-effective amount of **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other dermatological agents.

AN 97:68480 USPATFULL

TI Treatment of inflammatory and/or autoimmune dermatoses with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents

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PI US 5654312 19970805

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AI US 1995-475426 19950607 (8)

DT Utility

FS Granted

EXNAM Primary Examiner: Nutter, Nathan M.

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CLMN Number of Claims: 19

ECL Exemplary Claim: 1

DRWN No Drawings

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

TI Treatment of inflammatory and/or autoimmune dermatoses with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents

PI US 5654312 19970805

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AB Methods of treatment for inflammatory and autoimmune dermatoses which comprises topical and/or systemic administration of a therapeutically-effective amount of **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other dermatological agents.

SUMM The present invention relates to novel methods for treating inflammatory

and/or autoimmune dermatoses with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents. The present invention also relates to methods of treating dermatoses with inhibitors of. . .

SUMM . . . be triggered by a number of external events ranging from exposure to UV light from the sun to an allergen. **Thalidomide** has been demonstrated to have an inhibitory effect on the pro-inflammatory cytokines. It has been shown to inhibit TNF-alpha production. . . stimulated monocytes (Sampaio et al., J. Exp. Med., 173:699-703, 1991). Moreira et al. (J. Exp. Med., 177:1675-80, 1993) reported that **thalidomide** acts by enhancing TNF-alpha m-RNA degradation. Shannon et al. (Amer. Society for Microbiology Ann. Mtg., Abs. U-53, 1990) indicated **thalidomide** inhibited IL-1 beta production in vitro. Such an inhibitory effect on IL-1 beta may be direct or indirect through TNF-alpha. . .

SUMM . . . surface of endothelial cells facilitates the binding of inflammatory cells that is a precondition to transendothelial migration occurring during inflammation. **Thalidomide** also has an anti-angiogenic effect since TNF-alpha stimulates endothelial cell motility in vitro (Leibovich, Nature, 329:630-32, 1987; Rosen et al., . . et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA), 84:5277-5291, 1987).

D'Amato

et al. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA), 91:4082-5, 1994) showed that **thalidomide** was an effective inhibitor of angiogenesis induced by bFGF.

SUMM In 1965 Sheskin (Lepr. Rev., 36:183-7) administered **thalidomide** to leprosy patients suffering from the complication erythema nodosum leprosum (ENL), to sedate them. ENL is characterized by recurrent erythematous nodules on the skin, weight loss, mania, neuritis, fever,

malaise, and sometimes epididymo-orchitis. Within 12 hours of **thalidomide** administration nodular eruptions began to heal and within two days fever declined and the ENL lesions had completely resolved. In. . . double blind clinical trial conducted in four countries and coordinated by the World Health Organization, which tested the efficacy of **thalidomide** versus aspirin for treatment of ENL. The conclusions reached supported Sheskin's original observations about the effectiveness of **thalidomide** for treatment of ENL. Wemambu et al. (Lancet, 2:933-5, 1969) observed necrotizing vasculitis of veins and arteries in patients with. . . Appl. Immun., 57:317-332 (1978) showed in a study of neutrophil activation in ENL patients just before and during treatment with **thalidomide** that tissue damage was not due solely to neutrophil activation as occurs in immune complex diseases, but rather neutrophils appeared to be activated by an undefined lymphokine. This group went on to state that the therapeutic effect of **thalidomide** was not due to inhibition of neutrophil activation. Sarno et al. (Clin. Exp. Immunol., 84:103-8, 1991) showed that TNF-alpha levels were elevated in ENL patients and that TNF-alpha had a major role in the pathogenesis of this disease. **Thalidomide** was shown to inhibit TNF-alpha production in these ENL patients. Sampaio et al. (J. Inf. Dis., 168:408-14, 1993) confirmed Sarno's. . .

SUMM The fortuitous finding that **thalidomide** was effective in treating ENL stimulated other investigators to look at the efficacy of **thalidomide** for treating other dermatoses with a possible inflammatory and/or autoimmune pathogenesis.

SUMM . . . areas of the body. Its etiology is unknown. Londono (Int. J. Dermatol., 12:326-8, 1973) was the first to report using **thalidomide** as a treatment for actinic prurigo. He administered 300 mg of **thalidomide** per day to 34 patients until clinical improvement was noted and then reduced the dosage progressively. There was notable improvement. . . an immunological etiology. Lovell et al. (Brit. J. Dermatol, 108:467-71, 1983) treated 14 actinic prurigo patients with 50-100 mg of **thalidomide** per day for children and 100-200 mg of **thalidomide** per day for adults, for variable periods of time. Eleven patients had long term clinical improvement and three were free of symptoms even after **thalidomide** was discontinued. No side effects were noted.

SUMM . . . on the basis of clinical criteria. Mattos (Bol. Div. Nac. Lepra., 32:71) in 1973 was the first investigator to use **thalidomide** to treat prurigo nodularis. One of the two patients treated received 200 mg per day of **thalidomide** and the other patient, a woman, received 300 mg daily. Both patients had excellent clinical responses to the therapy after several weeks. Sheskin (Hautarzt, 26:215, 1975) reported treating three prurigo nodularis patients with **thalidomide**. These patients suffered from the disease for eight to twenty-four years, but responded clinically within a few weeks of initiation of **thalidomide** therapy. Other studies (Van den Broek, Arch. Dermatol, 116:571, 1980; Nikolowski, Hautarzt, 31:565, 1980; Winkelmann et al., Acta. Dermato-Venereologica, 64:412-7,. . . the intensive itch that accompanies this condition subsiding within 2-3 weeks of the start of 200 mg per day of **thalidomide**. However, in these studies it was noted that it takes at least six months of **thalidomide** therapy before strongly lichenified lesions completely heal.

SUMM . . . certain drugs. Barba-Rubio and Gonzalez, Derm. Rev. Mex., 19:131 (1975) treated 20 discoid lupus erythematosus patients with 300 mg of **thalidomide** per day. Within two weeks 19 of these

patients responded clinically and the medication was then reduced to a maintenance. . . al., Giorn. Ital. Derre. Vener, 115:471, 1980; Samsoen et al., Ann. Dermatol Venereol (Paris), 107:515-23, 1980) confirmed the effectiveness of **thalidomide** therapy in treating discoid lupus erythematosus patients refractory to other treatments

such as steroids. In most instances a clinical effect was detected within 14 days of initiation of 100-200 mg per day of **thalidomide**, however, a total and definite recovery was seen in only 15-20% of patients. In most patients a 25-50 mg per day maintenance dose of **thalidomide** was required to sustain a clinical improvement.

SUMM **Thalidomide** has also been used successfully to treat Behcet's syndrome, a rare and severe illness of unknown etiology often afflicting young. . . and genitalia, uveitis, and retinal vasculitis. There also may be atrophy of the gastrointestinal tract and pulmonary or myocardial fibrosis. **Thalidomide** therapy was an important breakthrough, because prior to this there was no specific treatment for Behcet's syndrome. Steroids proved to. . . prescribed (Mamo et al., Arch. Ophthalmol, 71:4-14, 1964). Saylan and Saltik (Arch. Dermatol, 118:536, 1982) were the first to use **thalidomide** to treat 22 patients with Behcet's syndrome who had deep and persistent oral **aphthae**. Patients were initially administered 400 mg per day of **thalidomide** for five days followed by 200 mg per day for 15 to 60 days. This regimen resulted in rapid and complete healing of **aphthae**. Torras et al. (Arch. Dermatol, 118:875, 1982) found that there was complete healing of giant **aphthae** in eight of nine Behcet's patients treated with 100 mg per day of **thalidomide** for 10 days. Jorizzo et al. (Arch. Int. Med., 146:878-81, 1986) reported similar success with **thalidomide** in five patients with Behcet's syndrome. In 1993 Denman et al., Rev. Med. Int., 14:(suppl 1) 495, treated 39 patients with Behcet's syndrome with 50 mg of **thalidomide** three nights per week for a mean time of 35.9 months and a maximum treatment time of up to 65 months.

Concomitant treatment in this patient group included 10 patients on prednisone, 3 on azathioprine and 1 patient on **cyclosporin**. Mucosal lesions healed in all patients. Moulin et al. (Ann. Dermatol Venereol, 110:611, 1983) used 100 mg per day of **thalidomide** to treat six patients with a Jessner-Kanof lymphocytic infiltration of the skin. This disease is characterized by numerous lesions on. . . i:251 (1977) treated a patient with a relapsing non-suppurative panniculitis termed Weber Christian Disease, with 300 mg per day of **thalidomide** for three weeks which was reduced to 200 mg per day and then to 100 mg per day after 10. . . lesions steadily regressed during therapy and it was reported that a disease free state was maintained for 13 months after **thalidomide** was stopped. **Thalidomide** has also been used to treat recurrent erythema multiforme, a flu like syndrome

in which blisters appear on mucous membranes. . . Bahmer et al., Acta. Derm. Venereal, 62:449 (1982) treated a patient who had recurrent erythema multiforme with 200 mg of **thalidomide** per day. Within a few days the mucosal membrane and skin lesions healed and the daily dosage of **thalidomide** was lowered. The patient has been maintained in a disease free state by administration of 100 mg of **thalidomide** per day.

SUMM As indicated oral administration of **thalidomide** has been

successfully used to treat a limited number of dermatoses that may have an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component associated with them. Topical application of **thalidomide** is a useful therapeutic approach for disease states with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory basis. Furthermore, **thalidomide** may be used alone to treat dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory basis or in unique combinations with other cytokine/growth. . . anti-inflammatory

and/or

anti auto-immune agents and/or other physical and/or chemical dermatological treatments. An example of such combination therapy could involve **thalidomide** given with pentoxifylline and a glucocorticoid such as dexamethasone. The activity of each of these agents would be expected to. . . a different point in this

synthesis.

Pentoxifylline inhibits TNF-alpha gene transcription (Doherty et al., Surgery (St. Louis), 110:192, 1991), while **thalidomide** enhances TNF-alpha m-RNA degradation (Moreira et al., 1993) and glucocorticoids such as dexamethasone inhibit TNF-alpha m-RNA translation (Han et al., . . .

SUMM **Thalidomide** has been administered orally, however, it may be used topically to treat dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component associated. . .

SUMM **Thalidomide** was first synthesized and marketed in the 1950's as a sedative. The toxicity of the compound was so low that a dose killing 50% of animals (LD.sub.50) could not be established. **Thalidomide** was therefore thought to be a safer alternative to barbiturates. In 1961 **thalidomide** administered to pregnant women resulted in an epidemic of congenital malformation. The incidence of malformed babies paralleled the sales of **thalidomide** and quickly dropped off when **thalidomide** was removed from the market.

SUMM Oral administration of **thalidomide** in the range of 100-200 mg in adult humans results in a peak blood level of 0.9-1.5 mg/liter after 4-6 hours. Hydrolytic cleavage of **thalidomide** occurs in vitro, the rate of which increases as the pH increases. However, hydrolytic cleavage of **thalidomide** in serum is much slower than in vitro at pH 7.4. This may be due to **thalidomide** being highly bound to plasma proteins. Studies in animals demonstrated high **thalidomide** concentrations in the gastrointestinal tract, liver and kidneys with lower concentrations in muscle, brain and adipose tissue. In pregnant animals, **thalidomide** can pass across the placenta.

SUMM Although a complete study of **thalidomide** metabolism in humans has not been performed, in animals the main pathway for **thalidomide** breakdown appears to be nonenzymatic hydrolytic cleavage. Even though immunomodulatory effects of **thalidomide** have not been clearly defined at the molecular level, **thalidomide** has been used to treat the following immunologically-based diseases: acute **aphthous** ulcers (Jenkins et al., Lancet, 2:1424-6, 1984; Grinspan, J. Amer. Acad. Dermatol, 12:85-90, 1985; Revuz et al., Arch. Dermatol, 126:923-7, . . . J., 1:792, 1979) and discoid lupus erythematosus (Knop et al., Arch. Dermatol Res., 271:165-70, 1981). In these studies, dosages of **thalidomide** ranging from 100 mg/day to 800 mg/day were administered without serious side effects.

SUMM A further objective of the present invention is the treatment of dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component with **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents that inhibit cytokines and/or growth factors, and/or with other classes of therapeutics used. . .

SUMM Another objective of the present invention is the use of **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other agents.

SUMM . . . objective of the current invention is to provide a method for treating dermatoses with an autoimmune and/or inflammatory component with **thalidomide** at a given regimen.

SUMM A further objective of the present invention is a method for the treatment of dermatoses which comprises therapy with **thalidomide** and other drugs on alternative days by diverse schedules.

SUMM An additional objective of the current invention is to utilize **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other inhibitors of cytokines and/or growth factors and/or other treatments for dermatoses as a maintenance. . . .

SUMM A still further objective of this invention is to use **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other inhibitors of cytokines and/or growth factors and/or other treatments for dermatoses as a prophylactic. . . .

SUMM . . . dermatoses in a mammal which comprises applying and/or administering to said mammal a composition comprising: (a) an effective amount of **thalidomide** and (b) a therapeutically-acceptable vehicle for the **thalidomide**.

SUMM . . . selected from the group consisting of TNF-alpha inhibitors, basic fibroblast growth factor inhibitors and IL-1 beta inhibitors. Typical inhibitors include **thalidomide** and pentoxifylline but the invention is not limited to those.

SUMM The following is a list of examples of dermatological conditions for which **thalidomide** therapy as proposed in this application is useful. However, proposed **thalidomide** treatments will not be limited to these indications since there may be other dermatological conditions not mentioned here where **thalidomide** may also be effective as a therapeutic:

SUMM (r) Diseases of Mucous Membranes: such as **aphthous** ulcers.

SUMM In treating Kaposi's Sarcoma, an ointment containing 10% by weight of **thalidomide** is applied to the lesion. In an alternative embodiment, Kaposi's Sarcoma is treated concurrently by topical and oral treatment. For. . . presenting with Kaposi's Sarcoma is treated daily for two to four weeks with a dosage amount of 50 mg of **thalidomide** a day while an ointment containing 10% by weight **thalidomide** is applied to the lesion three times a day for two to four weeks.

SUMM When used alone, the topically effective amounts of **thalidomide** are typically 5 to 15% by weight in an ointment and is applied one to three times a day for. . . .

SUMM Under certain circumstances, it is desirable to administer **thalidomide** therapy simultaneously with other dermatological active agents. For example, a cream containing 5% by weight of **thalidomide** can be administered three times a day while the patient is being given a topical treatment with 1% hydrocortisone. Concurrent administration of oral **thalidomide** with topical **thalidomide** is also a desirable therapeutic goal.

SUMM Additionally, applicants propose to use **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other inhibitors of cytokines and/or growth factors to treat dermatoses. An example of such a combination therapy utilizes **thalidomide** given with pentoxifylline and a glucocorticoid such as dexamethasone. The activity of each of these agents would be expected to. . . these agents acts as an inhibitor at a different point in this synthesis. Pentoxifylline inhibits TNF alpha gene transcription, while **thalidomide** enhances TNF alpha m-RNA degradation and



glucocorticoids, such as dexamethasone, inhibit TNF alpha m-RNA translation.

SUMM The precise amount of **thalidomide** used alone or with other dermatologic agents varies depending, for example, on the condition for which the drug is administered and the size and kind of the mammal. Generally speaking the **thalidomide** can be employed in any amount effective in the treatment of dermatoses.

SUMM For humans, typically-effective amounts of **thalidomide** for use in the topical dosage forms compositions of the present invention range from 5-15% by weight active, however, greater. . . .

SUMM . . . be obvious to those skilled in the art that the following dosage forms may comprise as the active component either **thalidomide** alone or in combination with other compounds. Preferably the compounds of the present invention are administered orally, intramuscularly, topically, subcutaneously,. . . .

SUMM It is also possible to administer **thalidomide** in a time-release formulation. A wide variety of methods are now available in

the art for preparing time-release or long-acting. . . . suitable in the practice of the present invention as long as it does not adversely affect the effectiveness of the **thalidomide** in the treatment of dermatoses. Advantages of time-release formulations include a lower concentration of peak serum absorption which substantially reduces. . . . A frequency of administration of every 12 or 24 hours would be preferred. In addition, more constant serum concentration of **thalidomide** would result thereby allowing a more consistent relief of symptoms.

DETD

Quantity (mg/capsules)	
<b>Thalidomide</b>	250
Starch dried	200
Magnesium stearate	10

DETD

Quantity (mg/tablet)	
<b>Thalidomide</b>	250
Cellulose, microcrystalline	400
Silicon dioxide, fumed	10
Stearic acid	5

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	60	mg
Starch	45	mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	35	mg
Polyvinylpyrrolidone (as 10% solution in water)	4	mg
Sodium carboxymethyl starch	4.5	mg
Magnesium stearate	0.5	mg
Talc. . . .		

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	80	mg
Starch	59	mg

Microcrystalline cellulose	59	mg
Magnesium stearate	2	mg
Total	200	mg

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	150	mg
Starch	164	mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	164	mg
Magnesium stearate	22	mg
Total	500	mg

DETD A topical ointment containing **thalidomide** is prepared as follows:

DETD

% by weight

<b>Thalidomide</b>	20%
Vegetable oil	10%
Acetyl lanolin	10%
Lanolin alcohol	12%
Sorbitol sesquioleate	20%
Water add to	100%

DETD

% by weight

<b>Thalidomide</b>	15%
Carboxyvinyl polymers	2%
Preservative	0.01%
Water add to	100%

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	6.0	g
Stearyl alcohol	3.0	g
Lanolin	5.0	g
Vaseline	15.0	g
d H.sub.2 O added to	100.0	g

DETD Liposomes containing **thalidomide** are made as follows:

DETD Ointment containing **thalidomide**:

DETD

<b>Thalidomide</b>	0.9	g
Hydrocortisone	0.1	g
Isopropyl myristate	81.7	g
Liquid petrolatum oil	9.1	g
Silica - aerosil 200	9.18	g

DETD Twenty patients suffering from psoriasis are to be treated with a cream containing 8% by weight of **thalidomide**.

DETD . . . commercially available product. This commercially available product should be designated the "control", whereas the cream containing

8% by weight of **thalidomide** should be the "test" cream.

DETD These data will clearly demonstrate that the therapeutic composition according to the invention containing 8% by weight **thalidomide**

is efficacious and, furthermore, is preferred by the patient to a widely

used commercially-available pharmaceutical preparation.

DETD Forty patients suffering from moderate acne are to be treated with a cream containing 5% by weight **thalidomide**.

DETD . . . of the pharmaceutical composition according to the invention, the clinical study should compare this composition with an appropriate placebo (without **thalidomide**) and another commercially available product specifically prescribed for the treatment of acne.

DETD Upon completion of the treatment period, the areas treated with the 5% by weight **thalidomide** cream will exhibit a clinically significant decrease in the severity of acne as compared to placebo treatment. Furthermore, the **thalidomide**-treated subjects will exhibit less severe side effects and complaints as compared to some other commercially available treatments.

DETD . . . exhibiting leg lesions and diagnosed as being Kaposi's sarcoma are to be treated with a cream containing 10% by weight **thalidomide**.

DETD . . . of the pharmaceutical composition according to the invention, the clinical study should compare this composition with an appropriate placebo (without **thalidomide**) and another commercially available product specifically prescribed for the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma.

DETD . . . Example 13, two patients are treated except that concurrently with topical administration they are orally treated with 50 mg/day of **thalidomide** for the duration of the topical treatment.

CLM What is claimed is:

. . . mammal which comprises administering to said mammal a therapeutically

effective amount of a composition comprising: (a) an effective amount of

**thalidomide** and (b) a therapeutically acceptable vehicle for **thalidomide**.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said TNF alpha inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of **thalidomide** and pentoxifylline.

. . . applying to involved areas of the body and/or administering to said mammal a composition comprising: (a) an effective amount of **thalidomide** and; (b) a therapeutically-acceptable vehicle for the **thalidomide**.

. . . 14. A dermatological composition suitable for treating inflammatory and autoimmune dermatoses in a mammal comprising: a) an effective amount

of **thalidomide**; (b) an effective amount of an addition dermatologic drug selected from one group consisting of menthol, phenol, camphor, coal tar. . .

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